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Courtney Bennett (at left in window) and her husband, Mike, are the new owners of Workout 24-7 on Parkway in Bethel. They have managed the business since last fall, and closed on the sale two weeks ago. Several of the workout machines in the background are new.

Bethel: Sewer base fee hike proposed

Multi-unit rates stay suspended

By ALISON ALOISIO

After receiving a letter from a sewer customer's attorneys, Bethel selectmen voted Monday to continue their suspension of sewer rates for some multi-unit buildings on the system.

The continued suspension leaves the Wastewater Treatment Plant budget of \$476,380 short by about \$65,000, according to Town Manager Christine Landes.

So selectmen also voted to propose raising the quarterly "base pipe fee" charged to all custom-

ers from the most recent billing amount of \$121 per quarter to \$159. The rate per cubic foot for water usage over 1,500 cubic feet per quarter would also increase, from \$0.0809 to \$0.106. The changes would make up for the shortfall, Landes said.

"We have a bit of a crisis going on here," said Selectman Don Bennett. "We have a lawyer's letter that challenges what is in the code."

Bennett said the new rates proposal amounts to

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TLC at 24-7 brings in the business

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I think I've finally found my niche," said Courtney Bennett from her new office at Workout 24-7 in Bethel.

The past couple of years included some stressful stretches for Bennett and her husband, Mike, as they tried to re-open the Casablanca Cinema, only to be thwarted by state regulations.

But there turned out to be a silver lining.

For four years Bennett had been doing the cleaning for Four Seasons Realty in the same building as 24-7.

Last October, she said, "I was asked to take over the management of 24-7. It was up for sale at the time."

She and Mike agreed to give it a go, with the intent of running it for a year, "and see how the numbers were," before

perhaps deciding to buy it, she said.

The numbers quickly proved to be positive.

"The past six months, business has been really amazing," said Bennett.

She has instituted some key changes.

First, she made sure she was present at the facility during its hours of operation. Before, there had not been someone on duty, she said, and some clients did not feel comfortable.

Second, said Bennett, "We reduced all the rates," to try to bring in more members.

Senior citizens were invited to join at a rate of \$10 a month, and the same rates were offered to military personnel. Students were also given a special rate.

In November, Bennett was contacted by Sunday River Resort about the possibility of a rate ar-

rangement for its employees, and that was worked out.

In addition to the rate revamp, 24-7 also offers a variety of classes, including Zumba, FitKidz, Pilates, dance Yoga and cardio kickboxing.

A personal trainer is also available.

The result of all the changes: After starting with an active membership of 138, Bennett has grown that to 656.

Changes have also been made in the facility itself. There's a real office in the middle of the formerly all-open space. Four new cardio machines have been added in a room separate from the strength training area.

By early this year business was going so well that Bennett nearly worked herself out of an opportunity to buy 24-7.

Someone else expressed

interest in buying it, she said.

"After losing the theater, I wasn't going to let that happen," said Bennett.

So after making some financial arrangements, she and Mike went ahead and bought the business six months earlier than planned. They closed on April 1.

It's now a family business.

"Mike does all the handiwork, and I have one son who works here," said Bennett, in addition to her three other employees.

She also looks at the members as extended family and tries to treat them that way.

"It's a clean, fun, personal atmosphere to come to," she said.

Future plans include a tanning services, a new carpet in the strength training area and if mem-

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Larger business signs proposed

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday set a public hearing for a proposed sign ordinance change to allow for larger business signs, ranging from 16 to 80 square feet.

The hearing is scheduled for May 9 at 7 p.m., before the next regular selectmen's meeting. The changes would have to be approved at the annual Town Meeting in June.

Current sign sizes range from 12 to 60 square feet.

In considering changes to the ordinance, Selectman Don Bennett said the Ordinance Review Committee had met with a half dozen businesspeople to get input.

"They all said, 'More square footage,'" Bennett said.

The additional square footage, the businesspeople said, would allow them to add slats with more information, such as special offers, instead of putting out sandwich signs.

The specific sign change proposals are:

In areas where the speed limit is less than 35 miles per hour, any sign will not exceed 16 square feet (currently 12 square feet);

Where the limit is 35 miles per hour or greater, any sign will not exceed 40 square feet (currently 32);

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WES teacher recognized for innovation in science education

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland has chosen Woodstock Elementary School fifth grade teacher Tonya Prentice to receive the 2016 Kevin McCarthy Education Innovation award.

Named for the retired CEO of Unum, a long-time supporter of science education at GMRI and throughout Maine, the award is given annually to a Maine teacher who exemplifies leadership in science education.

"You rose to the top of our list this year for your involvement in both of our education programs and specifically the hard work you have put into making sure that your students' LabVenture! visit is not a standalone experience but part of your larger curriculum," wrote Meredith Sullivan, program manager of GMRI's LabVenture! education program in an email to Prentice.

McCarthy Award recipients embody GMRI's education principles and Kevin McCarthy's leadership qualities, including a commitment to providing equal access to learning and authentic, engaging

science experiences for all of their students.

"Tonya is known to all of the children as someone who loves science and loves getting students excited about science," said WES teaching principal Jolene Littlehale, adding that Prentice's students make connections between their learning and real life applications.

"Tonya advocates for science education at all grade levels," she said. "With the emphasis on STEM education, we are so lucky to have Tonya in SAD 44."

A marine science major at Coastal Carolina University, Prentice later earned a teaching certificate from the University of Maine and a master's degree in science and mathematics education from Walden University.

She has taught in SAD 44 for nine years, six of them in the fifth grade at WES.

"For me, science is easy to teach because it's all around us and helps us understand how and why things happen or work in our world. Students are engaged in science because they can relate to it and it's usually hands-on inquiry."

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WES teacher Tonya Prentice tests a dam built by her fifth-grade students during a hands-on science lesson in which they worked in teams to design, construct, assess, and reinforce their dams, while working within a budget and considering their impact on the environment.

A. Wight Chapman

THS officials explain scheduling

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

For a second time, a large group of Telstar High School parents and students attended the regular meeting of the School Board on Monday to express their concerns about changes to the high school academic schedule.

They spoke prior to a presentation by THS administrators on the changes in educational policy and the specific needs of their school that led to the adoption of the new schedule for the 2016-17 school year.

Parents said they would like to have more opportunities for open dialogue with the School Board and administrators before far-reaching decisions are made.

"One of my concerns is the lack of communication between the administration, teachers, and parents," said Amy Wheeler. "The administration is coming up with changes. The parents are uninformed. We hear about it through rumor, and I think we need to do something to better communicate. There should be a meeting where things are brought out, such as scheduling."

"To make a well-informed decision, you need to hear everybody's side of it," she said.

Administrators have said they hope to address the school failure rate by increasing the amount of instructional time spent on core classes.

Several THS students spoke in favor of keeping the current schedule of four 80-minute blocks daily, with core classes meeting on alternate days, because they believe it provides more opportunities for students to take electives. Some said a focus on additional core instructional time is misplaced.

"I believe this new schedule hurts students far and wide," said junior Elijah

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Letters

ALBANY MEETING ON TAXES, ROADWORK, WIND

To the Editor:

Albany residents are invited to a Community Meeting at the Town House on Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. Two items are on the agenda.

Scott Cole and Steve Merrill from the Oxford County Commissioners office will be present to discuss next year's tax rates and upcoming construction and road projects in Albany Township.

Representatives from the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) will also attend the meeting to discuss the issue of expedited wind-development permitting in Albany. The following is some background on this topic:

The Maine Legislature passed the Wind Energy Act in 2008 to promote the development of wind power in the state by creating an expedited wind development permitting process for many rural areas, including townships and plantations. In response to concerns about the act, the legislature passed Public Law 2015, Chapter 265 that became effective on Jan. 1, 2016. This statutory change created a six-month window within which registered voters living within the LUPC's jurisdiction could petition to have their town, township, or plantation removed from the expedited area. The law also provides a process for a "substantive review" of the petition if objections to it are raised.

Petitions for removal from the expedited wind-permitting area must be filed on an official form developed by the LUPC, signed by at least 10 percent of the number of registered voters residing in that township or plantation, and be received by the Commission between Jan. 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016.

We encourage all residents to attend the meeting on the 26th so they can find out more about these issues that affect our community.

Bob O'Brien
Albany Improvement Association President

CORRECTION

BROOK TROUT NOT ENDANGERED; QUOTE ATTRIBUTION- Last week's climate change article in the Citizen should not have said that biologist Ken Hotopp said brook trout are "endangered," a term meaning at risk of extinction in some contexts. Hotopp did say that brook trout numbers will be reduced in some areas due to climate change, and that more science is needed to predict how large a problem this will be. Also, a quote regarding lake temperatures and storms should have been attributed to a press release from Sen. Angus King.

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The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is Monday at 4:30.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. For further information, call 824-2444. News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

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GLOBAL WARMING - YES

To the Editor:

I guess I need to clarify my positions on global warming and the effects of human activity. There is no doubt whatsoever that the temperature of the earth's atmosphere is rising and has been for a long time. One needs only to drive the Alcan Highway and the Canadian Rockies to see the retreating glaciers documented over the last century or more. My contention is that the principle cause of the rising temperatures is much more affected by naturally occurring phenomenon of geological and celestial events over which we have no control than anything mankind has done. Volcanos, collisions of earth with space born objects, solar storms and variations in the earth's orbit and tilt angles relative to the sun all have been happening and causing ice ages and much warmer temperatures than currently being experienced since the earth's creation.

That being said, let me state that I consider myself a huge believer in sustainable conservation measures which help mitigate the adverse effects of human activities, while, at the same time, allowing progress in providing people with a means to earn a decent living. Let us continue to pursue technologies to more efficiently and cleanly make use of the natural resources available, while helping people maintain decent lifestyles. Let us also continue to pursue practices which conserve and improve air and water quality essential for a decent quality of life.

Some of the efforts I support include: Efforts at replanting forests and other vegetation on continents around the world which will help improve air and water quality; Improving agricultural practices to conserve soils and reduce excess runoff of fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides, thereby polluting watersheds; Reducing the use of insecticides and herbicides (both in agriculture and suburban areas) which are killing too many crop pollinating insects, threatening food supplies worldwide; Conserving and improving habitats for wild birds and animals (Birds are some of best natural insect population control measures); Insisting on sustainable harvest practices for all types of fresh and salt water dwelling foodstuffs.

I believe that efforts to reconstitute tropical and temperate zone rainforests, grasslands and other vegetation worldwide could potentially have more long term benefits to our environment (cleaner and more abundant air and water resources) than a total ban on all fossil fuel burning.

Richard Grover
Mason

Notes from the State House

By Rep. Fran Head

I'd like to focus my column this week on a bill which I voted against, and that was LD 1280, "An Act To Provide Income Tax Relief by Expanding Gaming Opportunities." This proposal would pave the way for a new casino in southern Maine, which I believe would be devastating to the Oxford Casino, and our regional economy as a whole.

You don't have to look very far to see how many of our friends, family and neighbors are directly impacted by the good paying jobs at the Casino. One thing I hear over and over again from my constituents who work at the Casino is that the company invests in the employees, including professional development offerings and retirement savings. Just as the casino staff takes pride in their own work, we as lawmakers representing the people of western Maine should do whatever we can to stand in the way of a major new casino in the south, making it more difficult for any Maine casino to do well.

One important piece of the legislation was a repeal of the the 100-mile limit. Have you considered why there is a 100-mile limit in place? 100 miles is the market area for the existing casinos (in Bangor and Oxford.) What that means is that LD 1280 was a major threat to the Oxford Casino market—and the jobs attached to that market as well.

While my colleagues representing the southern part of the state argued that another casino should be allowed under the idea of promoting a free market, let's remember that casinos are heavily regulated with a tax rate of almost 50 percent. The plan has always been that the tradeoff for the high taxes and the heavy regulation is an established, and protected, market area. I saw LD 1280 as a threat to our local economy, which is why I voted against the bill, and urged many of my colleagues to do the same.

Two weeks ago, the House voted 83-61 to defeat the proposal, and last week it failed in the Senate 18-16. I was pleased to see this legislation defeated, but make no mistake—it will be back in the next few years. I hope to continue to advocate for the regional economy of western Maine, and look forward to keeping my constituents updated along the way.

New England Mineral Conference May 6-8

The 4th Annual New England Mineral Conference (NEMO) will be held at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center at Sunday River, Newry. The conference is a division of the non-profit New England Mineral Association, and was developed as an educational event to promote further knowledge in the fields of mineralogy and geology.

Lectures on both New England and non-New England topics are scheduled on Friday evening and Saturday. In addition, there will be mineral displays and exhibits, a silent voice and a voice auctions in support of the conference, and mineral dealers who can be visited in their rooms on Friday and

Saturday. The weekend culminates with a field trip on Sunday for conference registrants. New this year is the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum Heritage Awards Banquet, to be held on Friday night (separate registration required).

Two important features of the conference for students are Education Day and the Poster Contest, which both occur on Friday, May 6.

On Education Day, teachers can bring students to over 20 different stations to learn about minerals and geology.

The Poster Contest is an opportunity for students to produce and submit a poster demonstrating their research about any-

thing relating to the rocks and minerals of New England. All submitted posters will be displayed at the conference, with prizes awarded to the winning contestants.

On Friday, May 6, from 9 to 4, the mineral displays, the dealer rooms, and the educational areas are free and open to the general public. For all other events, conference registration is required.

For further information about the conference, including the schedule and complete registration information, please visit: www.nemineralconference.org, www.nemineralconference.org/nema/Heritage_Banquet.html or www.nemineraleducation.org.

Upcoming SAD 44 Adult Education classes

Spring is a great time to learn a new skill or explore a new interest. MSAD 44 Adult & Community Education offers a variety of classes designed to enrich your life and expand your horizons. We have several new classes beginning in late April and Early May.

Knowledge you need
Medicare 101: This one-night workshop on Tuesday, April 26 will help you understand the basics and timelines of the complicated Medicare system. If you are new to Medicare or already on Medicare and want more information, the instructors from Seniors Plus can help.

Hunter Safety - Archery: There are still a few more spots open for this popular two-session workshop that begins on May 10.

Let's get creative and healthy

Chain Maille Bracelets: Come learn a fun skill to create gifts and enjoy the meditative qualities it can bring to you. Join Kyra Suwak, owner/metalsmith at Tekla's Treasures for an

all day workshop on April 30. Using metal jump rings you will 'weave' together both the "Idiot's Delight" (Byzantine) and the "Celtic" (aka Helm or Parallel) chain maille patterns and be able to complete at least one bracelet with a clasp (most will complete both) in the time provided. The cost of the class includes 2 bracelet kits one of which will be Sterling Silver. All tools will be provided. Bring magnifying glasses to ensure good eye sight if you feel the need.

Basic Digital Photography: We are thrilled to offer this three-night workshop with instructor Kristin Dacko. This is an introduction to digital photography for those looking to improve their skills with both point and shoot and DSLR cameras. Topics include basic camera functions, light use, portraiture, and landscapes, so bring your camera and join us starting on May 11.

Be your own guru series: This series of workshops

is designed and taught by Tanya Quarterman to help you develop and understand your psychic abilities. The series begins on April 28 with Psychic Development. This is followed by Divination Techniques on May 5, Crystal Healing on May 12, and Dream Visions on May 19. You can sign up for one or all four workshops.

Hypnosis for Weight Loss: Learn the latest nutrition and exercise information to assist in releasing those unwanted pounds gently and easily. Instructor Tanya Quarterman will work with you using hypnotic and meditative techniques to enable your continued success. This workshop meets three times on Friday morning beginning on May 6.

More information about any of these classes can be found in the spring course brochure, by calling the Adult Education office at 824-2136, ext. 1340, or by visiting the website at sad44.maineadulted.org.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The entire student body of Gould Academy traveled to Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox play the Toronto Blue Jays on opening day.

Cabot Lodge 117, Knights of Pythias donated a chair lift which was installed at the town hall in Andover.

Deaths: Glenn E. Thompson, Adele V. Zale, Beverly Ann Kirm, Christine Hatstat, Bernice C. Palmer.

20 years ago: Elizabeth Layalette began work as Greenwood's first town manager.

Moviemakers were filming a scene for "Myth of Fingerprints" in Andover. Birth: Samantha Fern Corriveau.

Deaths: Gerald W. Walker, Fred Quimby Haines, Jr., Steven W. Breese, Emma D. Billings.

30 years ago: A committee was appointed to investigate materials and methods for converting the former Locke's Mills schoolhouse into a municipal building.

Levi Brown was the new varsity baseball coach at Telstar.

Birth: Timothy Curtis Cole.

Deaths: Everett F. Cole, Leroy G. Bennett, Jr., Mrs. Cleo T. Billings, Mrs. Katherine W. Akers.

40 years ago: Several flocks of snow geese had been seen in Bethel, many of which landed to rest in John Harrington's field on the banks of the Androscoggin.

A photo of a five-legged frog found by Herschell Cole and Barry Corriveau appeared in "Current Science" magazine.

Birth: Patsy Jo Roberts.

50 years ago: The Burdick Pierce property (Upson estate) was purchased by Burton Newton.

Mrs. June Hess, wife of Rev. Donald Hess pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church, was severely injured in a two-car collision in Lewiston.

Death: Lois Faith Lane.

60 years ago: A two-way radio communication system was installed for Oxford County Sheriff's Dept. By relay all parts of Maine could be connected.

The Perry-McKenna Zoo on the Rumford Point Road opened.

A profit of over \$400 was realized at the Crescent Park School Fair.

Deaths: Albert P. Farwell, Prof. Lawrence D. Kimball.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bailey were living in Brick End House, Middle Intervale, for the summer.

The Community Room Fund was growing. Steps were being taken for the renovation of the room.

Death: Mrs. Minnie K. Luxton.

80 years ago: The home of Elmer Smith, South Bethel, burned. The building was formerly the school house.

The Senior Class of Gould Academy presented its class play, "The Importance of Being Ernest" in the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Births: Donna May Anderson, Frank Lee Flint.

Death: Mrs. Malvina Hammond.

90 years ago: It was announced the Rumford Community Hospital would be ready for occupancy the first of September.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Burbank moved to their newly purchased home on Chapman Street.

Deaths: Charles Hammond, Llewellyn Bryant, Ira C. Jordan.

110 years ago: Prof. F.E. Hanscom was to be one of the judges at the Junior Prize Speaking Contest of the Norway High School.

Rain had raised the water in the stream in Newry so the river drivers could put the logs in.

Deaths: Mrs. Elizabeth K. Swift, John Heath, Mrs. Mary Morgan, Kenneth Douglass Bartlett.

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Frank Perham looks backward, and forward

By Rick Haverinen
Sun Media

Frank Perham has closed one door and opened another.

"I gave that talk last night and that was the end of one facet of my career," he said, referring to his presentation at West Paris' Mann Memorial Library on March 10.

Any career that has facets must be a gem, and it's an apt metaphor to describe what the 82-year-old Perham has done with a life of mining minerals in Oxford County.

At his library presentation, Perham announced he has sold his expansive personal treasure of pegmatite specimens to the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel.

For a miner, that's business; but for the collector, that is a huge change.

Perham is moving on, but not away, from what he loves to do.

"It's extremely interesting," Perham said. "I like mining (minerals), and I like anything that's got to do with feldspar, tourmaline, beryl crystals or mica."

Those are some of the pegmatite minerals, and Perham is that kind of miner.

Family tradition
"I was born and brought up in the mineral business," Perham said.

His grandfather, Alfred C. Perham, owned a herd of cows that unearthed the tip of a feldspar deposit simply by meandering over a field.

Perham said the deposit turned out to be "one of the largest finds of No. 1 feldspar in Oxford County."

After first shipping the mineral via rail to Auburn to be processed, Perham's grandfather "was instrumental in getting the (West Paris) feldspar mill going in 1926," Perham said.

Perham's father, Stanley, "started a mineral store in 1919," Perham said. "It's a vacant lot in West Paris now, (but) his first mineral store was right behind the barbershop."

Stanley and Frank's mother, Gwendolyn, moved the store to Trap Corner in West Paris in 1930.

Frank Perham was born in 1934, and there is a picture of him as a toddler on the front steps of the Trap Corner mineral store. Frank's mother contracted a fever and died before he was a year old.

Like his father, Perham earned a degree in geology at Bates College. He tackled on a tour in Korea as a soldier in the 1950s.

The gem didn't fall very far from the mine when he married quarry owner Nestor Tamminen's daughter, Mary, in 1955.

"I've been married to a Finn for 60 years," Perham said.

Mary helped at Perham's mining locations by sorting material as it was being removed from mineral finds.

Having a blast
"If you want to dig for

minerals you've got to get in there and drill holes and you have to be able to blast," Perham said. "That means you've got to have a jackhammer, drill steel and dynamite."

Perham became so adept at placing explosives that the state of Maine hired him for its small-scale road construction projects. The state liked that he could be called in on short notice.

"I became a distributor for explosives and I would sell the dynamite and caps to the feldspar mill in West Paris," Perham said, "and the profit I made on that gave me dynamite to use on the weekends. I was using the jackhammer and compressor five days a week when I was working for the state and blasting (for myself) Saturdays and Sundays. I didn't have any days off, but such is life. I did that for a long time."

A very deep pocket
"Actually, I would say it's a lot like going to the casino and winning," Perham said of the sensation of opening up a pocket of pegmatite minerals.

"The all-time best one was in 1972 when I was invited to go up to a new mine in Newry," Perham said. "They wanted someone with mining equipment to drill and blast, and of course I never turn down a chance to go mining. I was a little sick of drilling for the state of Maine. I was never any bigger than I am now and you can never get the best of a jackhammer. So they asked me, 'Could you come up and open up this pocket for us?' I said I'd come up for two weeks at \$100 a day, plus all the dynamite and caps I used would be extra."

"So I went up and drilled around this pocket and blasted it, and they started cleaning out the bottom. At that point I was just standing around, so I asked, 'Would you mind if I was to go down around the corner about 85 feet away and try that spot?'"

Perham knew the mountain very well because he had led tour groups there from the mineral store while he had been a high school student, and he had worked there six years previous to the 1972 assignment. He tried the location he liked the look of, and opened up one new pocket after another. One in the middle of the series kept filling with water. Perham's boss inquired about the source of the incoming water and Perham said, "It could be the biggest pocket you ever saw, just as a flippant remark."

It turned out the water was draining from the mother lode.

"Three days later we actually blasted into this (final) pocket and when we got it all done, it was 29 feet long, six feet in diameter side to side, and six and one-half feet tall. I could stand in it with a steel helmet on. There were tons and tons of feldspar, plus a ton and three-quarters of tourmaline crystals. The finest one is in the Smithsonian to

this day and they call it the same thing I did when I found it, the Jolly Green Giant. That was in 1972."

Perham estimated that the value of gem minerals removed from the single huge pocket would be worth about \$7 million in today's market.

That opening gave Perham the distinction of being the miner who found the largest deposit of gem tourmaline in a single pocket in North America. Although the original pocket he was summoned to work on was named Priscilla, he said no name was ever attached to the giant pocket he opened.

Perham has even had a new mineral variety named for him. Miners had initially concluded the material to be a common cookite. Eventually, it was found to be a rare silicated

ones still alive that were there when it was discovered," Perham said. "I told her, 'If you're waiting for me to write all this down, you can forget it.' It's not that I don't want to, but I like to talk minerals, and I could care less about a book."

Perham is a frequent lecturer and about 14 years of his talks had been recorded as audio or 16mm sound films.

"She probably ended up with a hundred transcriptions of things," Perham said.

Webber arranged the material topically and chronologically, and designed the book with numerous personal and mining photos prepped by Sprague, and ended up with the definitive Frank Perham oral and photographic history.



Frank Perham shares the story of finding a specimen of rose quartz with Carl Francis, curator, and Barbara Barrett, director of the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum in Bethel. The museum is so new that exhibits are not yet built, but the staff will display the very best of Perham's 1,280 mineral specimens that they bought from him.

R. Haverinen

form of phosphate, and it is now named Perhamite. It has been found in other parts of the world, including Australia, but Maine's occurrences have the largest crystals.

Binding an oral history

Two years ago University of New Orleans mineralogists Karen L. Webber, as writer-editor, and Raymond A. Sprague, as photo editor, published a book after years of preparation — and Hurricane Katrina flooding — almost totally about Western Maine's notable miner. "Frank C. Perham: Adventures in Maine Pegmatite Mining," by Webber's Rubellite Press, has had a limited release, but the authors/publishers have promised more are on the way.

"Karen Webber wanted to have a complete history of the 1972 tourmaline pocket and it's getting to the point that I and one other person are the only

Copies are available for sale at the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum.

Human dynamo

Part of Perham's energy was honed at Oxford Plains Speedway, where he raced Plymouths in the 1960s. Ken Lamb is the collision center manager at Goodwin Chevrolet in Oxford and he knew Perham as a neighbor and as an "everything automobile" authority.

"One of the other drivers told Perham his race car wasn't worth two cents," Lamb recalls, "so Frank's racing partner, Ron Heath, pop-riveted two pennies to the roof of the car so no one could ever say that again."

Lamb has that same car in his yard today, although it's been reduced to metal panels on a frame. The two pennies are still attached to the roof.

Lamb said Perham's remarks and stories are falling-down funny. Perham

realizes he can amuse an audience, and he chose humor reminiscent of Mark Twain to describe a core-drilling machine he used to prepare areas for blasting.

"This piece of equipment was my nemesis," Perham said. "Among other things, I used to do a lot of core drilling. This (photo) is up to Rangeley, and when I go to the great beyond, I'm taking a picture of this thing with me in my pocket. If I go up, I'm going to throw it off a cloud, and if I go down, I'm going to tell the devil, 'I'm here, and this thing better be right behind me.' That rig had a four-cylinder Wisconsin engine on it, that must have been a hybrid of a mule, because it pretty near broke my arm more times to start it ... I'm quite sure Noah had one of these on the ark for ballast."

The photo and description are in the Webber and Sprague book about Perham.

"I see humor in almost everything," Perham said. "If you can't enjoy life, the only person being offended is yourself."

Personal treasure

"I'm 82 years old and at that age you don't want to take any long-term subscriptions to magazines," Perham said, "and my wife was wondering what I was going to do with all the good stuff that I had (at home). So, I said, 'I'll get somebody to come and make an estimate of what it's worth and see if it's worthwhile offering it to the museum.'"

Although they paid to acquire it, the total collection at the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum has now significantly gained by owning the 1,280-piece Perham collection.

"I think it was very meaningful in capturing a collection to preserve Maine mining history," said Carl Francis, the museum's curator, "and in that sense it was probably the most important collection that's out there."

One of the museum's employees needed five weeks to catalog and pack Perham's collection.

Francis said the very best of Perham's collection will eventually be installed facing an exhibit remembering Perham's Maine Mineral Store, an institution at Trap Corner in West Paris run by Frank's sister, Jane, until low sale volume forced its closing in 2009. Much of the store's former collection, also purchased by the Bethel museum, was mined by Frank.

Perham said he started a basement museum in his

house for an education goal so schoolchildren could learn about minerals. Perham said they tend to be from home-schooling environments. He also entertains groups of mineral enthusiasts, especially in the summer. The Bethel museum's long-term goal is similar to Perham's.

"We're going to continue to collect," Francis said. "We're designing exhibits, we're going to install them and open to the public, and then we're going to shift into a whole other set of gears and really develop education programs for the schools and the general public."

Perham called the original collection his "Cadillac" pieces, but for most of March he has been walking back and forth from his house to storage trailers across the road selecting "Ford and Chevy" specimens to refill the basement shelves emptied by the mineral museum sale.

"At 82 years old I can go mine right across the street," Perham said. "It's hard to beat that."

Perham said he hasn't looked into some of the stored boxes in the trailers since the 1960s. The new collection will be unique because Perham said he mined every piece. There might be more "Cadillac" mineral specimens to be found within the local granite.

"You could actually be walking over Utopia, but you'd never know it, if you didn't blast it or didn't have an excavator to dig it down, or drill into it," Perham said.

Perham knows how to do those things, he is an expert regarding the geological indications to look for, and he has always enjoyed support from a crew that has been somewhat transient, but eager, over his many years of mining.

Even at his advanced age, he's promised to be back at work in the hills of Greenwood this summer looking for pockets of Maine pegmatite minerals with his friends.

"It takes a lot of help to do the job," he said.

Town of Greenwood PUBLIC HEARING

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WES

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Prentice said the science activities she conducts with her students, such as the study of different ecosystems and the transfer of energy within an ecosystem, "grab their interest and allow them to explore and wonder."

"Through this exploration and wondering, questions naturally arise and my students want to explore and discover more."

Each year, her students raise 200 endangered Atlantic salmon for release into the wild.

"In order to help the salmon, we must really understand their habitat, prey, and predators and how we as humans impact the salmon's ecosystem and population," Prentice said.

For the past five years,

her students have participated in GMRI's LabVenture! program, which brings fifth and sixth graders from all over Maine to conduct their own hands-on research in a state-of-the-art learning laboratory on the Portland waterfront.

Thanks to generous sponsorship, the program, including transportation to the lab aboard LabVenture's marine-themed coach bus, is completely free for the students and their teachers.

"They work in a lab using scientific models to explore and investigate complex systems relating to the Gulf of Maine ecosystem," said Prentice.

Students work in teams to conduct four investigations related to Gulf of

Maine fisheries and the impact of climate change on its ecosystem.

"Students learn about the Androscoggin watershed and how we are connected to the ocean," Prentice said. "This is a great way for my students to really understand how humans impact ecosystems of the endangered Atlantic salmon which we raise and release."

"My students become scientists and help to make a difference with their knowledge."

Prentice will be recognized at WES by GMRI representatives later this spring and at the annual conference of the Maine Science Teachers Association in October.

Briefly

Newry approves engineering work

NEWRY—Newry selectmen last week approved a bid from JAGJA Engineering Inc. to do the engineering for a 14,000-foot improvement project planned for the Sunday River Road, according to Town Administrator Amy Bernard. Three companies submitted bids: JAGJA (\$27,500); CEF (\$128,000) and Pine Tree Engineering (\$22,150), she said. The companies provided different approaches to the project in their proposals, in part resulting in the differences in costs, said Bernard. At last month's Town Meeting, voters approved up to \$850,000 for the work. The project is scheduled for this summer. In other business last week, the board approved a personnel policy and discussed how to handle financial disbursements between selectmen's meetings.

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bership continues to grow at the same rate, possibly a new location, said Bennett.

The Workout 24-7 office is

open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon for membership enrollment and renewal.

For more information go to www.workout24-7bethelmaine.com or Facebook.

Signs

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Where the speed limit is 45 or greater, any sign may be 80 square feet (currently 60), but no part of that sign will be within the town or state right of way (currently, no closer

than 50 feet to the paved portion of the road).

Another proposed change is to now allow businesses to display temporary banners. Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden told

the board several months ago that banners some businesses had put up did not draw complaints from residents, and allowing them seemed reasonable.

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"doing what we can to get the money in and holding tight with what we have on the books."

A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for May 9 at 7 p.m., before the next regular selectmen's meeting.

The suspension for the multi-unit buildings will last no longer than Dec. 31 of this year, according to the vote, and is intended to give the town more time to come up with a new billing method.

The buildings in question had been re-categorized as multiple units several years ago, to be charged by individual units as separate "dwelling units," instead of by entire buildings.

But some of the owners protested that the hike was unfair and too burdensome. The method was then suspended for a time, but had been set to be reinstated for the first quarter of 2016.

However, a special Sewer Fees Committee appointed by selectmen last year recently decided to recommend continuing the suspension, Landes said. That decision had been made prior to the attorney's letter, she said.

The letter was sent from from Attorneys Benjamin Smith and Norman Rattey of Skelton, Taintor & Abbott, representing sewer customer Bob Laux (The Hastings Block LLC).

Citing the town code's definition of a dwelling unit as "[a]ny part of a structure which, through sale or lease, is intended for human habitation, including single-family and multifamily housing, condo-

miniums, apartments and time-share units," the letter said the town should be charging Gould Academy, the Bethel Inn, the Chapman Inn, the Bethel Spa, the Holiday House, the Sudbury Inn and others by the same method.

"By imposing the minimum service charge upon certain owners but not others that are similarly situated, the minimum charge is discriminatory, arbitrary, lacks a rational basis and is therefore illegal," the letter said.

The letter concludes that "in any lawsuit brought to remedy these violations, The Hastings Block LLC will seek to recover all costs, including, but not limited to costs of the lawsuit and attorney's fees."

Bennett said the town code would need to be changed to right the situation, and the only way to do that, he said, "in my mind, is if you do a complete inventory of what we have. I'm not sure how we go about that."

Landes said after the meeting that such an inventory could bring about a significant change in the entire rate structure. The sewer ordinance would also likely need to be changed, she said.

The town's Ordinance Review Committee and the Sewer Fees Committee will await the decision of selectmen on the current rate change proposal, following the May 9 hearing, Landes said. They will then work on a long-term solution for the ordinance and fees, respectively, she said.

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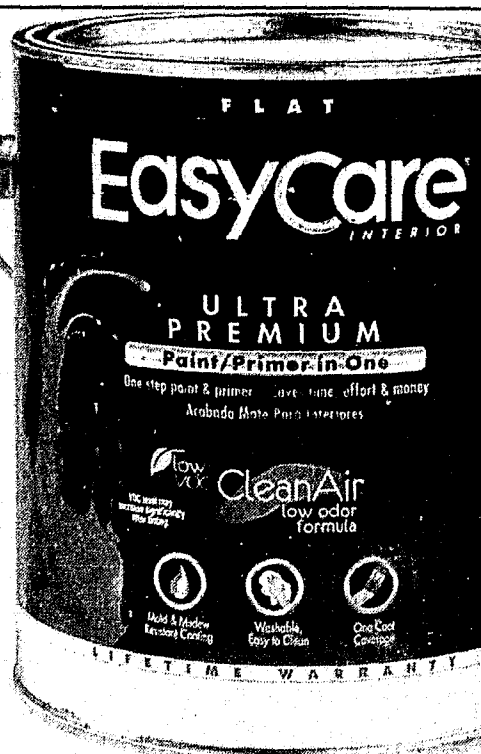
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Call me a doubter, but I only marginally believe the warm weather blend story. The story goes that in the summer when its hotter cars run hotter therefore the gas has to be treated differently to accommodate the situation.

That sounds, in theory sounds like it makes

es were lower throughout the whole country during the winter how come it goes up when the northern areas start to warm up, which has not yet happened.

Is it a coincidence that the price started to climb when the consumption of fuel oil went down? Is it a coincidence that the price went up more over Eas-

Since the price of gas is going up I feel that the temperature should be going up too.

ter when more travelers were, well, traveling?

I am sure that by the time Memorial Day rolls around that gas prices will start to escalate. I'm sure the "Big Oil" representative will then say it's a case of supply and demand. I've heard that story before too.

I know very little about economics so I may be way off base, but it seems to me if I sold 10 widgets for \$1 each and they cost me only half that price, then I've made a very nice profit.

Now if I had an order for 100 widgets I could lower the price a bit, because I would still make a very nice profit because I sold so many more of them. The bigger the demand the more I can lower the price on my supply. Why doesn't this hold true for "Big Oil?"

Even though I am anxious for the warm weather I know it's going to cost me a lot more at the gas pump if the switching blends and supply and demand stories hold true.

The way I see it I'd better start selling a lot of widgets if I plan to travel much this summer.

Or, I could just spend more time in my flower garden. I'm still waiting for real spring to arrive.

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Laird. "The issues that we have are from people not doing homework, from not having that connection, it's not instructional time or how often we're getting together."

THS junior Michael LaForte said that even with the current eight blocks, he had been unable to fit band into his schedule for the past three years, and he is concerned that the new schedule provides even less flexibility.

A parent of a THS senior, however, said that when his children had attended school in Maryland prior to moving to the Bethel area, they had done well with a schedule similar to the one being implemented at Telstar.

"They had the same schedule every day, and we liked that, because there was continuity," he said. "They seemed to learn quicker."

He said he has traveled

and lived in many different places over the course of his children's school years and is impressed with the quality of education and the opportunities available at Telstar.

"I have never seen an administration as caring and as devoted," he said.

"It's just extraordinary, the time they put in, the way they just make things happen and take care of details. They never make you feel like they're doing you a favor; they make you feel like we're all in this together."

Telstar Principal Cheryl Lang and Dean Kristin Dacko gave a presentation to the School Board about the new schedule and the reasoning behind it.

The standards-based grading system being implemented throughout the state means that instead of averaging grades of zero to 100 on tests and homework assignments, teachers will

assess student learning based on their ability to demonstrate what they know and can do.

In addition, the administrators explained, traditional high school credits will be replaced with standards.

A student failing a class, rather than having to repeat an entire semester course for credit, will be able to work with teachers to address specific gaps in learning, then demonstrate the ability to meet the standards for the class.

The administrators addressed some of the concerns brought up by parents at the March School Board meeting, explaining that the new schedule will have some flexibility.

There will be an option for double blocks two days a week, providing time for lab sciences or art classes that benefit from longer class times.

There is also an oppor-

tunity to reverse the final two blocks of the day, ensuring that students who leave early for athletics or other extracurricular activities will not always miss the same class.

A 40-minute "enrichment block" in the middle of the academic day provides a seventh scheduling opportunity for additional elective classes. All teachers will be available during that time slot to work with students who need extra help.

The six shorter academic blocks lend themselves well to the workshop model of teaching, they said.

In this model, teachers begin each class with a brief exercise designed to promote student engagement. They then teach a short lesson, providing a key concept or strategy and specific instructions.

The majority of the class is devoted to student-centered learning, in which

the lesson is reinforced as students work as individuals or in small groups to collect data, address a problem, or delve deeply into a specific task, while the teacher circulates throughout the classroom.

The class ends with a brief session during which students share what they have learned and the teacher recaps the day's learning objectives.

Woodstock director Marcel Polak said that for several years, the Education Committee has been looking at how to address the school failure rate, and the schedule change was developed in response to that concern.

"I also want to make it clear that, although we are having a discussion about it, the board is not going to approve or disapprove the schedule. That's not our job. That's the administration's job," he said.

He said that everything

he has read recently indicates that the new schedule incorporates the best approach to educating all of Telstar's students.

Bethel director Roberta Taylor asked for a show of hands to demonstrate that the board supports "the administrators throughout the district and the work they are doing to help our students." All members of the School Board indicated their support.

Taylor thanked the parents and students who attended and said it is important for the board to hear their concerns.

"The more we get together, the better," she said. "It's parents, it's community, it's teachers, it's administration, and, of course, the number one priority is students. And we all have to work together, and not be at odds."

The writer is a substitute teacher in the SAD 44 Adult Ed Dept.

School Board discusses budget; CPS boiler project

By AMY WIGHT CHIAPMAN

At Monday's School Board meeting, SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy presented the Finance Committee's proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year.

Directors received more detail about the draft budget that was presented at their March meeting, which reflects an overall decrease from the current fiscal year of 0.63 percent, or just under \$67,000.

The total budget is projected to be \$10,594,389, down from last year's total budget of \$10,661,320.

Of the 11 cost centers included in the budget, five have decreased by percentages ranging from 0.58 percent for Special Education to 2.39 percent for School Administration.

The cost center for Vocational Education increased by 3.83 percent. Murphy explained that the Region 9 board develops its own budget, and SAD 44's contribution is calculated by a formula that takes into account both the student population of the district that is eligible to attend, and the actual percentage of Region 9 students who come from SAD 44.

The largest increase is in the System Administration cost center, which is up by just under 11.8 percent, to \$504,368. Murphy said legal expenses relating to Andover's withdrawal from the district and the ongoing Newry withdrawal process have contributed to an increase of about \$53,000 in that area of the budget.

A final draft of the budget will be brought before the School Board for approval at their next meeting on April 25.

SAD 44 voters currently must approve the budget in a two-step process that includes both a public budget meeting and a referendum vote.

Murphy said voters are given the chance to decide every three years whether to continue with the two-stage process that was instituted under Gov. John Baldacci's administra-

tion, or revert to a process whereby the budget is approved by action taken at the public budget meeting only.

Voters will be given the opportunity again this year to decide whether to continue with the current approval process.

CPS pellet boiler discussed

The board discussed how to proceed with a possible pellet boiler project that has been considered for Crescent Park School.

Because current low oil prices mean the project is likely to result in a longer payback period than it appeared when it was first proposed, members of the Facilities Committee are divided on whether or not to proceed with the project in the next fiscal year.

Bethel director Tim Carter, who chairs the committee, favored going ahead with the conversion to a pellet boiler.

He said that the current boiler at CPS is 22 years old, and has an expected lifespan of about 25 years.

Although there have not yet been serious problems with the boiler, he said, "Machinery always breaks when you need it most."

Even with oil at \$1.78 per gallon, he said pellets are still somewhat less expensive, and he believes that over 20 years, they will prove to be more economical than oil.

In addition, he said, using a locally sourced fuel is good for the local economy, and burning pellets rather than oil would reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Facilities Committee member Carol Everett, however, said, "I personally don't feel it's the right time to do it."

She said she would like more feedback on how the new pellet boiler at the Telstar complex has performed before proceeding with the CPS project.

She also expressed concern about the ongoing availability of pellets in the future, saying cheaper oil prices may lead to pellet companies going out of business.

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Deegan provided figures with expected payback periods for energy

upgrades that include the installation of carbon dioxide sensors only, which save energy by automatically closing air vents during times when outside air is not needed for ventilation, pellet boilers only, or both, with calculations based on oil at both the current price of \$1.78 per gallon and a price of \$3.50 per gallon.

The School Board will vote at their next meeting on whether to continue to pursue a conversion to pellet boilers for CPS.

The writer is a substitute teacher in the SAD 44 Adult Ed Dept.

From the OCSD Patrol Log

Wednesday, April 6

At 12:29 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris stopped a vehicle on Parkway in Bethel. Nathan Hutchinson, 34, of Carthage was summoned for operating after suspension.

Thursday, April 7

At 10:29 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of a subject looking in motor vehicles on Elm Street in Bethel. On arrival the subject had fled. Two juvenile males were later located, identified and interviewed. Charges were pending and the case remained under investigation.

Saturday, April 9

At 1:33 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to a report of criminal mischief done to a dirt parking lot on Mayville Road in Bethel.

From the OCSD Jail Log

April 6, 9:35 p.m.: Leann J. Webber, 46, of Rumford, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Dani Welch in Hanover.

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT

Hard Core Bridge Work Begun

After more than two weeks of preparation, work on the Androscoggin River Bridge began in earnest this week. One lane is having its cement roadbed sections removed and rehab of the steel structure is underway.

Another Sugar House Visit

Last Tuesday our grandson Ashton and I drove to the Bruce Pierce family's Goose-Eye Farm so Ashton could see their sugar house and evaporator and I could get some maple syrup. The Pierces have a recently planted Maple orchard of hybrid trees called Super Sweet Sap Silver Maples. And they have the OK to tap trees on the neighboring Verrill property. (More about the Verrills later in this column.) The Pierce farm was named by the Russell family who owned the land and started a farm in the 1980s. There is a fine view of Goose Eye Mountain from nearly any spot on the 15 acre property.

Before Smart Phones

Telephone dialing came to Bethel in 1957 after the first dial systems in this area had been installed in Locke's Mills and West Bethel. VANDYKE (for the Van Telephone Co. family) was Bethel's telephone exchange name. All digit dialing was much later. While we were in London from 1971-1974, telephone systems there were in the process of conversion from name (letter) exchanges to all digit dialing. In some cases you could figure out how an exchange name would be dialed digitally. One time when I had done this hoping to get a hotel in Bangor, Wales I got a home owner in Northern Island instead. He laughed and said don't worry about it because that has hap-

pened often to him.

Back in Bethel: in 1952 say you were here on a business trip and needed to call your home office in Denver - your best bet for a phone booth would have been the Van Telephone Office on Elm Street. The telephone office was a small wing of the Van's house. Walk in the front door and to right rear of the short hall was a window opening much like today's post office window. Usually two people were on duty. Walk up to the window and tell an operator the number or place you wanted to call. The operator went to work on your call. Then she would motion you to one of the two or three booths where you would be connected to your calling party or perhaps a distant operator. Sit down pick up the phone and either your party would be on the line or you might wait a second or two for them to answer a phone you could hear ringing. After your call was finished, hang up and go back to the operator at the window who would tell you the cost of the call. Pay up and you were finished.

Read Bethel's telephone story: <http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Bethel-Telephone.pdf>.

The Verrill maple orchard

Floyd Verrill of Concord, Mass., who was well known there for the large retail dairy business and farm, was a descendant of the Verrills of Riley Plantation/Ketchum. In 1980 when Newry was preparing to celebrate its 175th anniversary the Citizen reported that Floyd Verrill, 88, a Newry native would be honored at the town's celebration. And that Mr. Verrill and his family own a second home on the old farm place where they frequently return. The Verrill cottage which stands between Alan Fleet's place and the Goose Eye Farm was the farm where his mother was born, the original house burned in 1943. See also: <http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Ft->

field Sketches.pdf.

For many years Floyd Verrill came to Newry in the spring and made maple syrup. In the 1940s I remember the Verrills stopping at our farm for milk while on their way to their Sunday River home. The reason I remember them so well was that they drove a nice shiny Cadillac. They were very friendly and although I don't remember them talking about the dairy business, they were always pleased to get back to the rural settings of Sunday River. The Verrill cottage today looks about like it did in the 1940s except for probably a few new coats of paint have been applied since then.

The Verrill family ended their dairy business in 1990 but continued to operate a large market garden and farm stand in Concord. Their property covers 200 acres in Concord and Sudbury.

Sources are Sunday River Sketches - A Sunday River Chronicle by Martha Fifield Wilkins; edited and published by Randall Bennett and the Bethel Citizen Aug. 7, 1980. <http://www.verrillfarm.com/farm-history.html>.



Alphonse Van's home and telephone office on Elm Street in Bethel, built in 1921.

Bethel Historical Society



At the Pierce family's sugar house, Ashton Samala was shown the components of maple sugar's "cooking" process by Bruce Pierce at the Goose Eye Farm. D. Bennett

Minutes of the Greenwood selectmen's meeting

March 15, 2016

1. Open Meeting - Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with Selectman Arnold Jordan, Selectman Amy Chapman, Town Manager Kimberly Sparks, and Deputy Clerk Angela Lovejoy in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Warrants - It was motioned and seconded to accept Warrant #37 (\$23,717.43), and Warrant #38 (\$113,655.83). Motion passed 3-0.

4. Minutes - It was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes of March 1, 2016 as written and the minutes of March 11, 2016 as written. Motion passed 3-0.

5. Comments from the Public - Attendees were there for specific items. All three Board members had been contacted regarding muddy roads in Town.

6. Conditions of Dirt Roads in Greenwood - Town Manager Sparks mentioned that the Highway Crew was busy all weekend. Early spring conditions had made some dirt roads in Town impassable. She said all were passable at the moment. She said initial figures for reconstructing the dirt section of Bird Hill Road were around \$50,000. That figure would include 18" of gravel with fabric underneath. Road Foreman Alan Seames attended. He said there were some huge boulders in the road that might need blasting as well and that might increase the cost. He said the reconstruction outlined above should fix most of the dirt/mud problem. He mentioned that the road would be narrower since the current width of the road was 30 feet and construction of ditches for drainage would make it 26 feet. Seames mentioned there was also buried cable there that would need

to be dealt with. He also mentioned that he would like to do the same type of reconstruction on Sheepskin Bog Road and Hobbs Road. Sparks said since there was no bond payment this year all three roads could be done and still stay under tax cap. Chair Henderson said he thought Greenwood should ask Bethel to help somehow with the Bird Hill Road reconstruction since most of the wear and tear on that section of the road was from Bethel residents. He said money for that section of road would be more likely to pass at Town Meeting if residents knew Bethel was going to help. Selectman Jordan mentioned that, if the appropriation of money was turned down at the meeting by voters, residents on the road did have the option of creating an association.

7. Oxford County Budget and Assessors Return - The board signed the document.

8. Update on Reassessment Grant - Town Manager Sparks mentioned that funding for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Government Services Grant had been eliminated. She said this money was to be used for the Town's reassessment in 2017. She said Greenwood was still willing to work with Woodstock and Andover for reassessment timing since all three Towns would be using the same assessing firm and it would be cheaper if they did their reassessments in the same time frame.

9. SAD 44 Cost Sharing Committee - Town Manager Sparks mentioned there was a need to appoint two residents from Greenwood to the Cost Sharing Committee. She said that Larry Merlino, Fred Henderson, and Norman Millard were interested.

10. Dedication of Annual Report - Town Manager Sparks mentioned she would like to dedicate the An-

nual Report to three people: David Brainard - former Planning Board member and Comprehensive Plan Committee member; Eleanor Inman - former Ballot Clerk; and Irving Cole - former Fire Fighter and Founding Father of the Greenwood Fire Department and former Town Hall Committee member. The Board agreed.

11. Request for Fireworks - Town Manager Sparks mentioned she had received and email from Brad Jerome asking for a \$500 donation for Fireworks for the July 2 Annual Art Fair. She responded to him that she did not think it would be possible since the Town already sent an annual donation for the Mollycoddett Day fireworks and half of that donation was covered by a Greenwood resident. She said the Town was also paying for its own fireworks this year for the Bicentennial Celebration. The Board agreed to decline giving money for the Bethel Art Fair fireworks.

12. Meetings and Events - March 16, 2016 Budget meeting at the Town Office at 6pm; March 23, 2016 Oxford County Municipal Officer's Association meeting in West Paris at 6pm; March 30, 2016 Budget meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m.; April 1, 2016 second installment of property taxes due; and April 5, 2016 Select-board meeting at the Town Office at 5p.m.

13. Tax Cap - Town Manager Sparks mentioned the budget was under tax cap. She said this included \$75,000 for a re-val in 2017. She said the tax cap was only for the Municipal Budget and not the school. She was not sure what those figures were going to be yet.

14. Adjourn - It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

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Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

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By NANCY BROWN



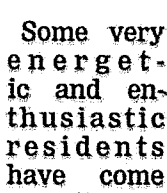
This is National Library Week (April 10-16). First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observation sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA). It's a time to celebrate the contributions of our libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support. This year's theme is "Libraries Transform." The poster for National Library Week explains that libraries transform lives every day: "Libraries transform lives and communities by providing free access to technology, career development resources, and the skills to help people thrive in the digital age." In addition to that, libraries have books, magazines, movies, computers, and free



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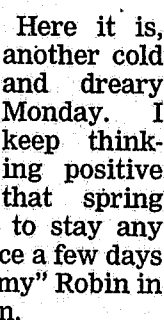
By JANE RICH



The Olde Home Day Committee met last Wednesday. The weekend event is scheduled for August 5, 6 and 7. Esau Cooper will be heading up the Lawn Tractor Race while Scott Farrington will be working the Lawn Tractor Pulling event. The theme is Honoring Public Safety which includes EMS, law enforcement. Chairman Leo Camire is working on making the parade bigger and better and hoping to get the color guards from various public safety departments. Other discussion covered a PA system for the tractor events and that the committee will be enforcing the no dogs on the common rule. This rule has always been in place, but mostly ignored and for the safety of all it must be enforced. No next

East Bethel

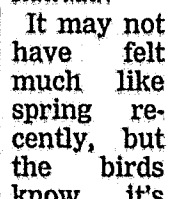
By WALLY RITZ



Neil Olson is up in the

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



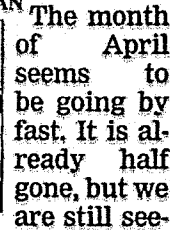
Betsey Foster has designed a program of all the Bicentennial Week-

In the quest for fudge recipes from local cooks, I've received copies of sever-

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



ing snowflakes!

There are some great pictures of the quarry and the group that went on the trip on Woodstock Historical Society's Facebook page. I believe the pictures were taken by Elsie Bonney.

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Gilead Historical Society

The GHS is beginning to get a few people stopping on the corner to look at the buildings. The buildings will not be officially open until May, but if we notice someone stopping to check them out, we are glad to open up.

Genealogy seekers are beginning to call to look up their ancestors. Some of them are even planning a trip to this area. We just had a call from California to set up a meeting in May!

Town Office

Foreclosure notices have gone out in the mail for 2013 unpaid tax liens. They are due and payable on the foreclosure date with no exceptions!—
Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



At 7:00 a.m. Monday, Umbagog Lake still had ice near the boat landing. There was open water a few hundred feet out but by the islands and beyond, more ice. I do not consider it ice-out yet.

The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m. at the Upton House.

The Letter B Notch Riders ATV club will meet Sunday, April 17, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

I was gently reminded that the animal that I referred to as a rabbit is in fact a snowshoe hare. Rabbits do not change color and there are few native rabbits in Maine north of Portland area. I knew all that, but I still call them rabbits. After all, the hunters and their beagles that inundate the area from December through March are not known as hare hunters.

Upton area has received about 40 inches of snow so far this winter. That is approximately a third of our usual seasonal snowfall.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Monday evening at 7 p.m., April 18 at the Grange Hall. Remember the Grange will meet only once a month now. The third Thursday of the month.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Saturday, April 16 at 7 a.m. is Men's Breakfast at the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome to attend. Looking ahead to May 1, it will be Fellowship Sunday with guest preacher Larry Strout.

Joseph Hoyt visited his Dad, Jim, and Charlene Hoyt over the weekend. He also visited Marybeth, TJ and Gabe Ray and was supper guest of his grandparents, Ken and Alice Hoyt.

The Woodstock-Green-

wood Senior Citizens met at the Woodstock Fire Station on Thursday, April 7. A delicious ham dinner was served by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Next meeting will be held at the Locke's Mills Union Church with dinner put on by the Ladies' Circle.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



I was thinking the other day about what was coming up and decided that I can't

wait for a big plate of fiddleheads and brook trout. One season is upon us and one is coming. I know where a few small fiddlehead spots are, but I think it's time to find some new locations. I need to get out on the river and do some exploring and find some new hotspots for the delectable fern. It sounds like a good way to fill that brook trout order as well; maybe that's why they go together so well. You might as well throw in some homemade vanilla ice cream and some pure maple syrup. Now that's quite a local meal.

Don't forget there is a silent and a live auction to support the Ski Museum Of Maine. The event will be held at Barker Mountain Lodge at Sunday River Ski Resort on April 16. There will be a silent auction starting at 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., and then a live auction starting at 2 p.m. If you have any old ski memorabilia laying around that you don't want, bring it in for the auction and donate it for a good cause. Some of the proceeds of the event will be used towards bringing a ski museum of Maine to the Bethel area.

Congratulations to the Sunday River snow makers. I saw in the newspaper that they won an award for the fine job that they do. I made snow back in the early eighties so I know that it's a tough job; the snow makers don't get enough credit for making it possible to have a successful ski season, so here's to you guys—great job!

On Tue, Apr 5, 2016 at 9:32 AM, Deb Webster <dwebster@megalink.net> wrote:

Well, I thought I was going to have a little firewood leftover this year. That was until this week. Jeez, we needed this weather in March, not now! One thing is for sure, you can never rely on the weather from one year to the next. I hope the skiway had a chance with the cold weather to cover up some thin spots and possibly extend the season a while longer. At least the skiers had a fairly normal year. Snowmobilers had a tough time locally. Riders had to do some traveling to get any decent riding. If we only had snowmaking for the snowmobile trails.

Ice is finally departing from the lakes. As the ice recedes to the north, I can only think of smelting "up north" on Aziscohos Lake. The cold weather this week might make ice out up north a little more

timely. If one would like an adventure, going up to the lakes for a evening of fishing and smelting can't be beat. Another fishing season is upon us, good luck to all the anglers this year. May everyone have many a tight line and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Not much new in town that I know of. The district taxation reapportionment committee should be meeting soon. Stay tuned.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Sunday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Another beautiful sunny day, but it is cool

with 38 degrees and windy. A public baked haddock supper with all the trimmings will be served at the North Waterford Congregational Church on Saturday, April 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. (\$10.00 per person). Lots of assorted homemade pies to choose from. Coffee, punch and water will be served.

For those who do not care for fish they will also serve baked macaroni and cheese. This supper is hosted by the Waterford World's Fair Association and will be the last supper for the season.

Condolences are going out to the families of Bertha M. Cole, Joanne S. West and Donald Clark. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

Get well wishes and thoughtful prayers to those who are not feeling well due to spring colds and flu.

Birthday wishes are going out to the following who will be celebrating this month: Tracie Mason, Thad Hodson, Frank Hodson III, Mary Jane Newell, Rose Hinkley, and Marie Coffin.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Barry and Melody Hadley.

The North Waterford Fair Association held their monthly membership meeting at the Waterford Fire Station today.

Anxiously waiting for the weather to truly warm up so I can get some of my plants outside; they are ready for some nice outside sunshine.

That's all from the valley this week; enjoy each day.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Diary of Amtrak trip: The roomette door slid closed leaving only my

upper bunk as a retreat. Improving agility became my new focus as I grappled with my weary self to climb up and over the toilet seat onto the narrow bunk. I felt more like a mountain goat than a new grandmother as I scaled the rocky unknown trail.

The rattle and side to side jiggling of the train kept me on my guard. In the morning we awoke and had coffee then staggered along cars to get to the dining car for breakfast. We filled our gullets with a wonderful feast of pancakes, eggs, hash browns, bacon with coffee and juice. Amtrak seated us with strangers at meals and we are

amused with our new acquaintances. Then it's off to our sleeping car to pack our things as Chicago is only a few hours away. Because we were traveling in the sleeper, we were considered first class which allowed us to wait for our next train (5 hours) in the Metropolitan Lounge with free snacks and beverages (non-alcoholic).

Dad and I each had Ipads and I watched Mad Men while he watched Andy Griffith and MASH. Our Red Caps kept us coming and going in sync with the trains. Chicago's Union Station is huge like a big airport full of food courts and shopping.

Boarding the California Zephyr our last train we climb to the second floor where we find our coach seats, big and plump and spacious until 2 a.m. when you realize that your seatmate is also big and all arms and legs. Dad had a tendency to sprawl leaving me to battle and spar all night for my section of the seat.

This overnight train traveled through four states and by 7 a.m. we were in Denver, Colo., where the train slowly backs into the station as we are waking to coffee and another hearty breakfast. We have passed 15 stations since leaving the Windy City of Chicago.

Denver (know as the mile high city sits at exactly 5,280 feet above sea level) seems so flat looking behind us as we climb high over the front range into the Rocky Mountains and through the Continental Divide. Our conductor suggests we find the observation car as we travel through some of the most rugged and amazing terrain. Dad was awestruck with the high peaks and equally deep gorges with herds of deer and elk grazing as we sat watching the view. Highlights of the ride include the Moffat Tunnel which carries the Zephyr just over 6 miles deep within the Rockies across the Continental Divide. Construction was completed in 1928 after four hard years for the crew, eliminating 176 miles of dangerous switchbacks and steep grades between Denver and the Pacific Coast.

The Winter Park Ski Resort, built as part of the mountain parks system, appears flanking the railroad at the west portal of the Moffat Tunnel. This part of Colorado has not one frost-free month making it a favorite haunt for downhill and cross-country skiers alike. To our right we see the Fraser River know worldwide for the best wild rainbow, brown, and cutthroat fishing.

Next we enter the Rocky Mountain National Park and now to our left we watch the Colorado River for the next 235 miles. The most scenic stretch of track might be right here. The upper Colorado River is only accessible by rail or kayak. The walls climb 1,000 feet on each side over the river where Class V whitewater rafting is the wildest ride available in Colorado maybe the country. Glenwood Canyon, the largest on the upper Colorado River has spectacular high red colored cliffs. After passing through the canyon, we approach the Western Slope with ele-

vations below 7,000 feet. Our train arrives on time about 3:20 p.m. in Grand Junction, a tiny train station in the state of being reborn. A Lincare rep meets us with an oxygen condenser as it's a neces-

sity for dad. Eva lives at 8,885 feet in Crestler Butte and even I had trouble with altitude sickness.

Now we sit outside the station waiting to meet a 5-day-old Walter. The End

OCEA-R to meet

The next scheduled meeting of the OCEA-R is April 15 at the North Waterford Congregational Church. Sign-ins will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 11.

The meal will be served at approximately noon. The scheduled program will begin at about 1 p.m. Percy Turner, retired member of the Maine State Police, who served for nearly 30 years, will speak about the "crime of the century" that occurred here in Oxford County in 1937. Dr. Littlefield and his wife were brutally murdered and two men were convicted of the same crime. The controversy continues as to the justice of the outcome of the trials. It should be a very interesting program. Any retired person who worked in the field of education is encouraged to attend.

The March 11 meeting was held at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School by the culinary arts students, who served an excellent meal. It was announced that the state convention will be held May 12 and the OCEA-R will have a table in participation of this year's theme, "Celebrate Maine." Anyone who has anything to contribute to our table, please bring it to the next meeting.

SWCDs seek resources survey participation

Maine Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), in cooperation with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), are conducting a Natural Resources Assessment (NRA) across the state and need the help of Maine's citizens!

The goal is to determine natural resource priorities so that Districts and NRCS can assist landowners, professionals, and municipalities with best management practices that protect and improve land and water resources.

To gather this information, Districts are distributing a statewide survey to document natural resource conservation concerns and to build on the data collected in the first assessment, completed in 2011. The priorities articulated in the survey will inform state and local natural resource programs and funding opportunities in the coming five year cycle.

According to Dale Finseth, Executive Director of Kennebec SWCD, "The Natural Resources Assessment process is a great opportunity for people who may or may not own land, and may or may not be associated with a conservation organization to express their conservation priorities by completing a survey or participating in a free-wheeling discussion at a locally held meeting. The results of this process stand to have a broad reach starting with your local conservation district on up to the state level. The Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, DEP, and state legislators are already anxious to see the survey results."

Joe Dembeck, Executive Director of Somerset County SWCD, coordinated the development of the 2016 NRA survey to help guide the assessment process.

Dembeck said, "This year's survey will be distributed by all 16 conservation districts and will address statewide conservation concerns as well as give us the chance to drill down to local issues and priorities. We are asking that all citizens make their voices heard by participating in the assessment, whether by completing a survey or attending a local meeting."

To encourage participation, some conservation districts will enter everyone who completes a survey – or attends a meeting – into a drawing for an exciting prize. Oxford County is offering a \$25 gift certificate good toward the purchase of either plants from the Native Conservation Plant Sale, or Trout from the Annual Trout Sale. Both of these sales began on March 15.

Districts encourage farmers, woodland owners, resource professionals, and members of the general public to take advantage of this opportunity to make your voice heard.

The survey may be accessed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQ5GPL5>, or you may contact your local conservation district for a paper copy at maineconservationdistricts.com/district-locations. The Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District has posted a link on their website which will take you directly to the surveymonkey site.

Preliminary survey results will be available at local, county level meetings. Join friends and neighbors at the local Oxford County meeting for a lively discussion about protecting Maine's natural resources and complete a survey to be eligible for a prize.

The meeting will be held on April 27, from 9 a.m. until noon, at the Oxford County Extension Office on Olson Road in South Paris. For more information about the Natural Resources Assessment or to access the online survey, please contact your local OCSWCD at 743-5789, ext. 101/111.

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Age-Friendly Community news

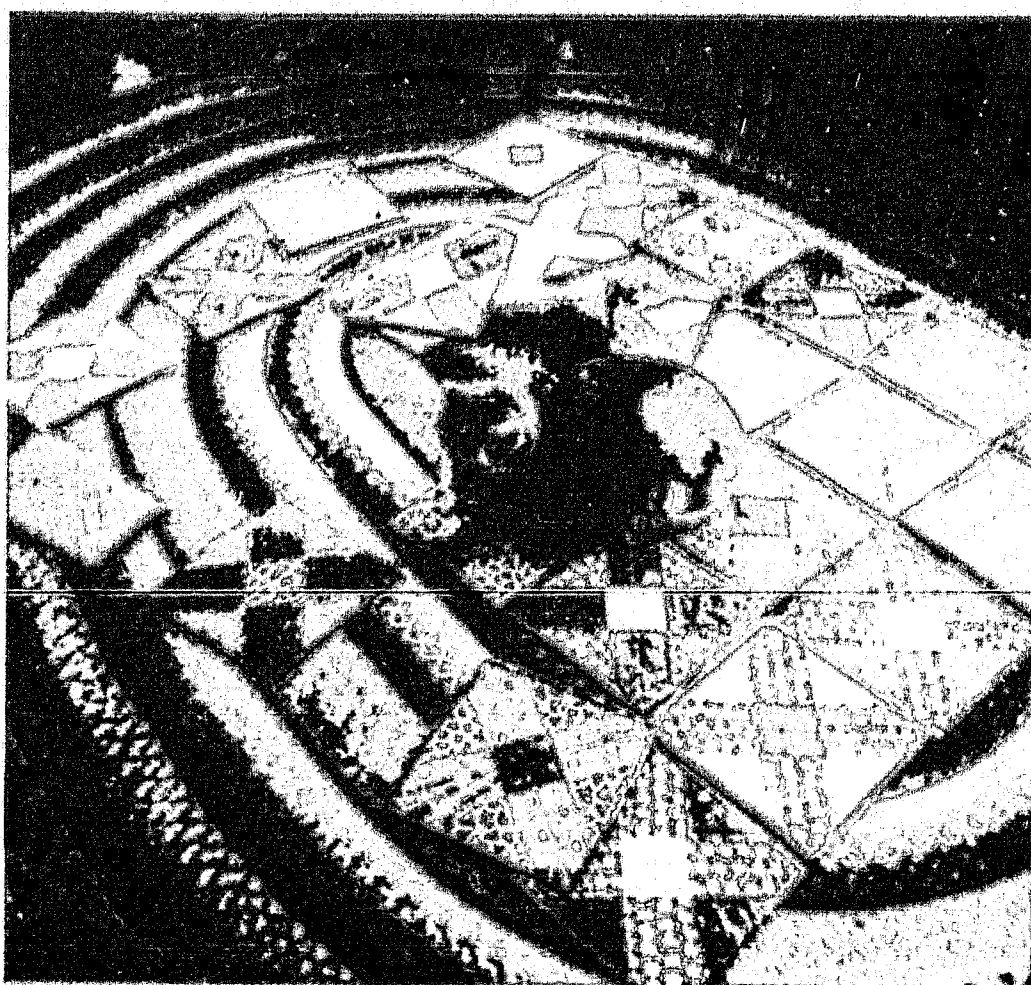
The Transportation Task Force is formulating plans for improving service to our local communities through Western Maine Transportation and the Sunday River Stagecoach Shuttle Services. The new survey provides detailed data, so we hope you'll fill one out, even if you completed a different version last month. Surveys may be picked up at the Bethel and Woodstock Town Offices and libraries, the Western Mountains Senior College, and the Bethel Family Health Center; Greenwood and Newry will be mailing theirs. Or you may contact Allen Cressy (ajcressy@megalink.net, 824-0508).

Among other items you may take home from our Age-Friendly Community display at the Bethel Library is a pamphlet, "AARP Watchdog Alert Handbook." One of the cautions it notes is "the grandparent scam" described in this column last week. It happens that in

the past few days one of our community members was a too-smart, but potential victim of this very scheme.

The pamphlet also lists suggestions on how to protect your Social Security Number and Personal Information, including: "Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Don't print your SSN or driver's license number on your checks... Keep copies of credit cards (front and back) in a safe place in case a card is lost or stolen."

As a matter of fact, I recently had a call from my credit card company about possible fraudulent activity. It was a relatively small amount of money, and my credit card had not been lost or stolen, but it was still important to destroy and cancel that credit card. And the first fraudulent transaction (and tip-off that it wasn't mine)? A senior dating service! FML: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).



QUILTING ASSISTANT-When Cathy Newell of Greenwood plans the layout of her quilts, she has help from Clancy the cat. The feline, who is an "alum" of Responsible Pet Care in South Paris, "is very sure he knows how to arrange quilt squares and arrives immediately when one is being laid out," said Newell. Here, he admires his work.

News from Telstar M.S.

Eighth grader Katherine Haley from the Peer Ambassadors reports on the 8th grade this week:

TMS 8th grade:

Science: Students are beginning to work with Newton's Third Law of Motion in science. After learning the basic concept of this law, the students then did an experiment that involved making a rocket. They then explained how all of Newton's Laws were applied in the experiment.

Math: Some students have been working with exponents, while others continue to work on the Pythagorean Theorem.

ELA: In Language Arts students are working their way into the public speaking unit. Throughout the next few weeks, students will be participating in a number of activities to improve their listening and speaking skills.

Social Studies: In Social Studies students have just finished reading the novel, *Slopes of War* by Norah Perez. They are now focusing on completing their *Slopes of War* booklets.

Important Announcements:

Spring sports have begun! Please see the sports schedule on our TMS website to find out when track and field meets, softball and baseball games are.

Please be sure to look over your 6th or 7th grader's Unified Art selections for next year. Students need to return their UA forms by Friday April 15.

Important Dates to Remember:

Friday, April 15: UA forms due back to school

April 18-25: School Vacation week

April 25-29: TMS Spirit Week

Monday - Pajama Day (school appropriate)

Tuesday - Twin Day

Wednesday - Teacher Day

Thursday - Cartoon Character Day

Friday - School Spirit Day

April 29: The Fancy Dance from 7 to 9 p.m. at TMS. The cost for the dance is \$5. Guest forms for the dance are due

Wednesday, April 27. Only middle school students can come as guests.

West Paris Historical Society to meet

Isn't it great to have our March weather in April?

We will have our first West Paris Historical Society meeting on Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m. with a potluck supper

and short business meeting, so bring a dish and enjoy our spring reunion. We are looking forward to seeing all of our snow birds, so come on out and have a fun time.

NAMI course offered

On Friday, May 13, a NAMI Youth Mental Health First Aid course will be held at Region 9 Education Center in Mexico, and a NAMI Adult Mental Health First Aid course will be at the Norway Town Office on Danforth Street, Norway. Both courses run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are both free except for a \$5 lunch fee and result in a 3 year certification. The youth course is designed to teach parents, teachers, neighbors, peers and caring citizens how to help a youth or

teen that is experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge or is in crisis. Learn how to help and when to help. The adult course is for anyone 16 or older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health related problem or crisis.

To register for either course, go to www.namimaine.com. Click on "Get Involved," then "Events." Scroll down; you will find May 13 events on page 6.

Please register as soon as you can.

Annual Andover Birthday Supper

The Annual Birthday Supper at the Congregational Church in Andover will be held April 30, Saturday, with two sittings, the first at 5 and the second at 6 p.m. The

charge is \$8 per person, except for children under 10 years of age the charge is \$4 each.

The menu is meatloaf, baked potatoes, string beans, salads, rolls and

birthday cakes.

The Birthday supper has been a happening in Andover for over 60 years. There is a table decorated for each month, with a cake for each table.

Kimball family membership drive

The Kimball Family Association (originated, incorporated and chartered in Maine) is holding a Maine Membership Drive during the month of April for all Maine Kimballs. Kimball

relatives living outside Maine are welcomed also.

The Association is taking a records journey throughout Maine, searching and collecting Kimball family ancestry info on the way. Anyone with information regarding their ancestry, please share at mykimball@roadrunner.com or mail to KFA, PO Box 453, West Kennebunk, Maine 04094.

All persons of Kimball ancestry are encouraged to join the community of the Kimball Association. This Association

originated in West Bethel by Elizabeth Mason Carter and Elizabeth Kimball Watkins of Manchester, N.H. in 1968.

The reunion committee is looking to hold the 2017 reunion in Maine. The committee is already looking at the Poland Spring Facility and seeking other potential affordable facilities in Maine.

The committee wants membership and input to make this Association an ongoing success for making new friendships and restoring old ones.

1. Association dues are \$10 per year, with a breakdown of \$7.50 to the general fund and \$2.50 to the scholarship fund. The Association awards at least two scholarships of \$500 per year if funds are

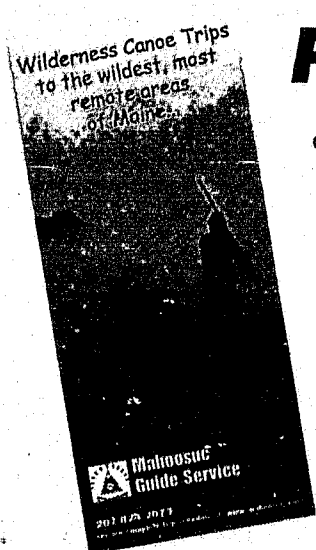
available.

2. A Kimball ancestor that has been a member or dependent of a member for at least three years is eligible to apply for a scholarship award.

3. Scholarships are available for college or trade school. In 2015, two college scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded. No entries were received for trade school awards in 2015.

Please join us by going to www.kimballfamilyassociation.com and clicking on "membership app" or mail requests to KFA, PO Box 453, West Kennebunk, Maine 04094, or call Myra at 207-985-2662 and reference Kimball to receive a membership form by mail.

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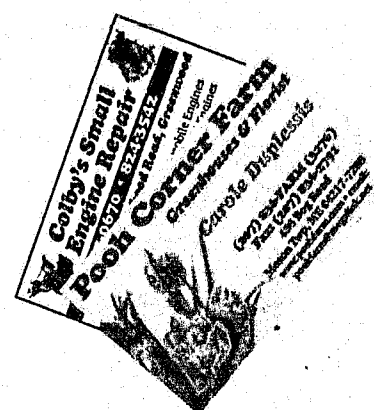
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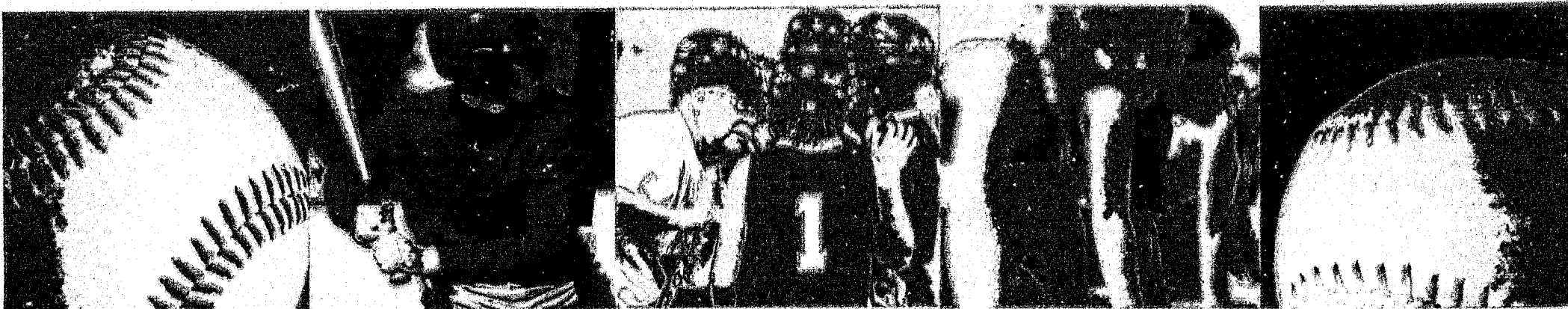
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Telstar Regional Middle/High School SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Telstar High School VARSITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
April			
22	Mtn. Valley (Baseball only)	Away	4:00
25	St. Dom's	Home	4:00
27	Monmouth	Away	4:00
29	Carrabec	Home	4:00
May			
2	Mt. Abram	Home	4:00
4	Wiscasset	Away	3:00
6	Hall-Dale	Home	4:00
7	Mtn. Valley (Softball only)	Away	4:00
9	Madison	Away	4:00
11	Boothbay	Home	4:00
13	Dirigo	Away	4:00
16	Lisbon	Home	4:00
18	Winthrop	Away	4:00
20	Oak Hill	Away	4:00
23	Mtn. Valley	Home	4:00
27	Monmouth	Home	4:00

All events subject to change.

Telstar High School JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
April			
23	Mtn. Valley (Baseball only)	Home	11:00
26	St. Dom's (Baseball only)	Away	4:00
26	Oxford Hills (Softball only)	Away	4:00
30	Monmouth (Softball only)	Home	11:00
May			
3	Mt. Abram	Away	4:00
4	Oxford Hills (Softball only)	Home	4:00
7	Mtn. Valley (Softball only)	Away	11:00
10	Madison (Softball only)	Home	4:00
14	Dirigo	Home	10:00
17	Lisbon	Away	4:00
19	Winthrop	Home	4:00
24	Mtn. Valley (BB Hosmer Field)	Away	4:00
28	Monmouth	Away	11:00
31	Oak Hill	Home	4:00

All events subject to change.

Telstar High School TRACK and FIELD

DATE	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
April			
26	Dirigo & Mt. Abram	Telstar	3:45
May			
3	St. Dom's Monmouth Mtn. Valley, Hebron	Telstar	3:45
9	Carrabec, Monmouth Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale	3:45
12	Dirigo & Mtn. Valley	Telstar	3:45
17	Carrabec, Dirigo, Madison, Mt. Abram	Telstar	3:45
26	MVC Championships	Lisbon HS	TBA
June			
4	States	Foxcroft Academy	10:00

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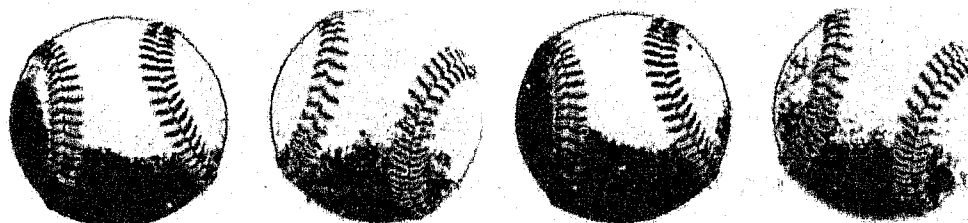
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Telstar Middle School VARSITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
April			
28	Dirigo	Away	3:30
May			
3	St. Dom's*	Away	3:30
5	Oxford Hills	Away	3:30
10	Mtn. Valley	Home	3:30
12	MollyOckett MS (Baseball only)	Away	3:30
12	MollyOckett MS (Softball only)	Home	3:30
13	Buckfield	Away	3:30
18	Dirigo	Home	3:30
19	St. Dom's	Home	3:30
24	Oxford Hills	Home	3:30
26	Mtn. Valley	Away	3:30
31	Buckfield	Home	3:30

*St. Dom's off-campus baseball field is located behind the Lewiston Armory at 65 Central Ave in Lewiston.

All events subject to change.



Telstar Middle School JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
May			
2	Dirigo	Home	3:30
9	Dirigo	Home	3:30
12	MollyOckett MS	Away	3:30
18	Dirigo	Away	3:30
27	Mtn. Valley	Home	3:30

All events subject to change.

Telstar Middle School TRACK and FIELD

DATE	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
May			
4	Dirigo, Mtn. Valley, St. Dom's	Telstar	3:30
11	Dirigo, Mtn. Valley, St. Dom's	Mtn. Valley	3:30
18	Dirigo, Mtn. Valley, St. Dom's	Telstar	3:30
25	Dirigo, Mtn. Valley, St. Dom's	Mtn. Valley	3:30
27	Oxford Hill	Telstar	3:30

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Thursday, April 14

BANC Bash; The Gem Theater, Cross Street, Bethel. The event kicks-off with a workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. presented by Sara Shifrin, Director of the Gould IDEAS Center. Following the workshop will be a social hour sponsored by Tumbledown Brewing Company and several local nonprofit organizations from BANC. Enjoy free beer and other refreshments while learning about these fantastic community groups. At 6 p.m. is a showing of the film, Tumbledown, followed by a Q&A with the film directors who are from Maine. \$8 for workshop only or film only, \$12 for both. FMI/Tickets: Amy Scott (357-3189 or amyscott@bethelmainenonprofits.org) or <http://the-gem-movies-art.myshopify.com/>.

Friday, April 15

OCEA-R Meeting; North Waterford Congregational Church. Sign-ins begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 11. The meal will be served at approximately noon. The scheduled program will begin at about 1 p.m. Percy Turner, retired member of the Maine State Police will speak about the "crime of the century" that occurred here in Oxford County in 1937. Dr. Littlefield and his wife were brutally murdered and two men were convicted of the same crime.

Saturday, April 16

Hope Association Scrapbooking/Crafting Day; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. silent auctions, swap table, 50/50. Tables are \$30 each. Breakfast and a healthy lunch included. Dinner is on your own. Electricity and internet connections will be available. Please call Tammy Roberts at 364-4561 for registration form or for more information. Registration deadline is April 4, 2016.

SWOAM Presents Forgotten Apple Trees; 9 to 11 a.m., 162 Sawin Hill Road, Waterford. Together with the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District, the local chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine has invited apple enthusiast Joe Dembeck to discuss methods and tools to manage these forgotten trees so they can prosper. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8:30 a.m. FMI: Rich Merk (415-1628) or mgh@fairpoint.net.

Texas Hold'em Tournament; doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at noon, Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, high hand option. 50/50, meals and beverages available. BYOB.

Waterford World's Fair Public Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., North Waterford Congregational Church, Green Road, Waterford. Menu: Baked stuffed haddock and all the fixings with homemade pies for dessert. \$10 per person. FMI: Bill Winslow (595-1601).

Sunday, April 17

Finnish American Heritage Society Meeting/Potluck; 1 p.m., FinnAm Hall, Maple Street, West Paris.

8th Annual Earth Day Peace Concert; 2 p.m., First Universalist Church of Norway, 479 Main Street, Norway. Featuring performances by Heather Pierson, Mary Hargreaves, Davy Sturtevant, Nate Towne and the Norway UU Choir. Admission: \$5 at the door. There will be a collection of nonperishable food items taken for the Oxford Hills Food Pantry. FMI: 743-2828 or heather@heatherpierson.com.

Wednesday, April 20

Heroin/Opiate Community Forum; 6 to 8 p.m., Mountain Valley Middle School, 58 Highland Terrace, Mexico. The River Valley area is coming together to have a public conversation about heroin/opiate use and the impact it's having on the community. FMI/RSVP: rvhccduagay@gti.net or 364-7408.

April 22 and 23

Wilderness First Aid Course; at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge in Newry taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

April 22, 23 and 24

Wilderness First Responder Refresher and Open Recert Course; at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge in Newry taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

Saturday, April 23

Woodstock Clean-up Day; 9 a.m. to noon. Celebrate Earth Day and help to clean up the roadsides. Meet at the ball field on Lakeshore Drive with work gloves and reflective vests, if available. Garbage bags will be provided. Rain date is April 30. Contact Jane Chandler 357-3524 for more information.

Monday, April 25

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 26

Community Meeting; 6 p.m., Albany Town House, Albany. Scott Cole and Steve Merrill from the Oxford County Commissioners office will be present to discuss next year's tax rates and upcoming construction and road projects in Albany Township. Representatives from the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) will also attend the meeting to discuss the issue of expedited wind-development permitting in Albany.

Medicare 101; 6 to 7:30, Telstar High School. New to Medicare? Already on Medicare? Going on Medicare in the near future? Learn the basics and timelines of this complex system, ways to save money and more. Instructor: Al Daniels from SeniorsPlus. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Wednesday, April 27

OCSWCD Natural Resources Assessment Survey Meeting; 9 a.m. to noon, Oxford County Extension Office, Olson Road, South Paris. Join friends and neighbors for a lively discussion about protecting Maine's natural resources and complete a survey to be eligible for a prize. FMI: OCSWCD (743-5789, ext. 101/111).

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Campaign Kickoff Dinner, Oxford County Democratic Committee; 5 p.m., First Congregational Church, South Paris. Tickets: \$10, \$8/seniors and students. Reserve tickets at 875-2116 or info@oxforddems.org.

Thursday, April 28

What is Palliative Care? Course; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A Long Distance Learning program presented by SeniorsPlus. Free with pre-registration, call 1-800-427-1241.

Third Thursday Poetry Group; 5:30 p.m., Rumford Library's public room. Refreshments and a social time are first on the agenda, then readings from our own or a favorite poet's work. There's a new twist on the program: studying poetic forms and styles. FMI: 364-3661 or rumford.lib.me.us.

Saturday, April 30

Annual Birthday Supper; 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., Congregational Church, Andover. \$8 per person (\$4 for children under 10). Menu:

Meatloaf, baked potatoes, string beans, salads, rolls and birthday cakes.

Monday, May 2

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion topic: How Democratic Is Our Process of Choosing a President? Moderator: Jon Chappell. Light refreshments provided. FMI: 583-6957.

May 6, 7 and 8

4th Annual New England Mineral Conference; Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center, Sunday River, Newry. The conference includes lectures, mineral exhibits, mineral dealers, auctions and a Sunday field trip. Friday, May 6, is Education Day, including a Poster Contest, for students in grades 3-12. New this year is a Friday evening banquet sponsored by the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel. On Friday, May 6, from 9 to 4, dealer rooms, mineral displays, and educational areas are free and open to the general public. FMI/Registration: www.nemineralconference.org and www.nemineraleducation.org.

Friday, May 6

Improv Comedy Night with the Teacher's Lounge Mafia; 7 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Performing in the style of "Who's Line is it Anyway?" The Teacher's Lounge Mafia have been bringing hilarity to western Maine and beyond since 2008. "Built from audience-provided suggestions, Teacher's Lounge Mafia delivers improvisational games and sketches designed to yank people right out of mud season and on to higher ground." The group consists of Natalie Simmons, Kyla Wheeler, Jeff Bailey, Phillip Hobby and Dan Ryder. Inspired by Upright Citizens Brigade, Saturday Night Live, The State, Kids in the Hall and the works of Noel Paul Stookey and Ted Turner, Teacher's Lounge Mafia strives to bring something different to the foothills of western Maine and still be allowed to live here. Free tickets will be required to attend this event, available at the library beginning Monday, April 18, 2016. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. FMI: 743-5309 ext. 1 or norlib@norway.lib.me.us.

Saturday, May 7

Benefit Flap Jack Breakfast; 8 to 10 a.m., Applebee's, Oxford. \$10 per person, three pancakes, three pieces of bacon, coffee and orange juice. Proceeds to benefit Dennis Cyr who has Lyme Disease and is out of work. Only 300 tickets will be sold. FMI/Tickets: Visit Crazy Sisters in Bryant Pond or call Bert or Jackie at 744-0555 or April at 557-2849.

Old Fashioned Barn Dance; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Potluck supper (bring a dish to share) at 5:30, concert at 7 p.m. and dance at 8 p.m. with musicians Ellen, Molly and Edith Gawler. 50/50 raffle. Cost is \$10, ½ price for children under 16. FMI: 824-2073.

Friday, May 13

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Saturday, May 14

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Table reservations: \$10/yard sale items, \$15/crafters and vendors, contact Jean (743-7965). The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.

Inaugural May Day 5k; 10 a.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Hosted by Bethel Rotary. Proceeds benefit local programs for youth and families.

Sunday, May 15

Rescheduled Upton Ladies' Aid Mother's Day Breakfast; 8 a.m., Upton Ladies' Aid building.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - VACATION RESORT

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What job did the rabbit take at the vacation resort?

- BAY
- BEACH
- CAMP
- DESSERT
- DOCK
- EXCURSION
- FOOD
- GOLF
- GYM
- KAYAK
- LAKE
- LOBBY
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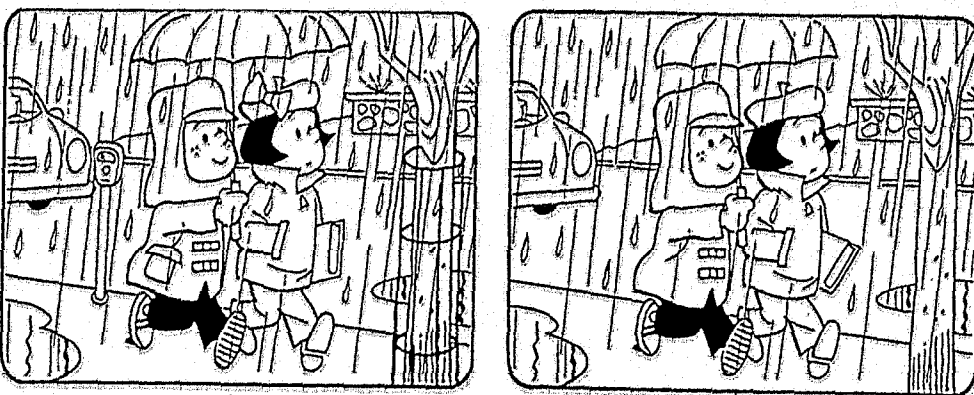
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Riddle answer: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Parking meter is missing. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Umbrella is smaller. 4. Bow is missing. 5. Book is missing. 6. Tree guard is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals L

JLVC SUA'QV ZJXAGGS OYQVW
UX EVOOYCE OVZBVW ZGG OLV
OYHV, UCV HYELO BZS SUA ZQV
ZO OJYO'B VCW.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

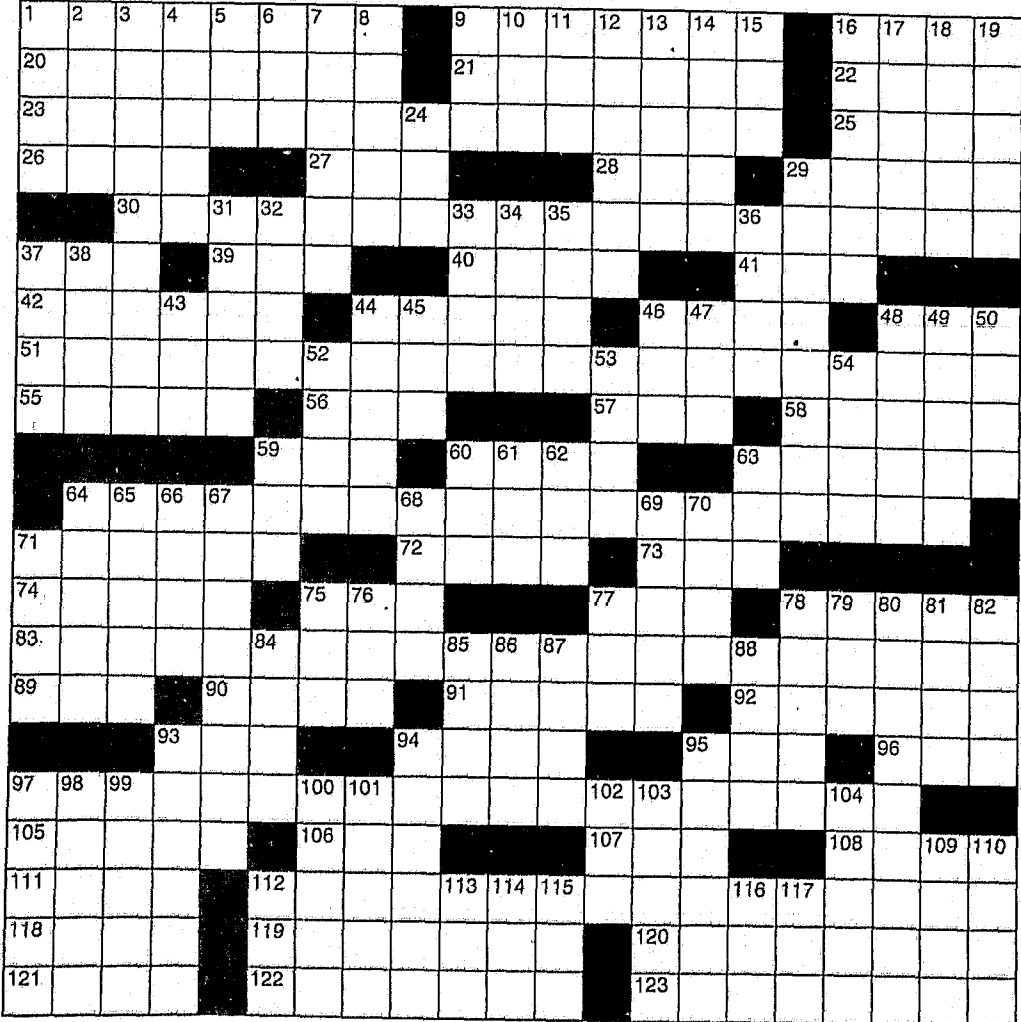
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"Honestly, Gary ... you've got the weirdest _____."

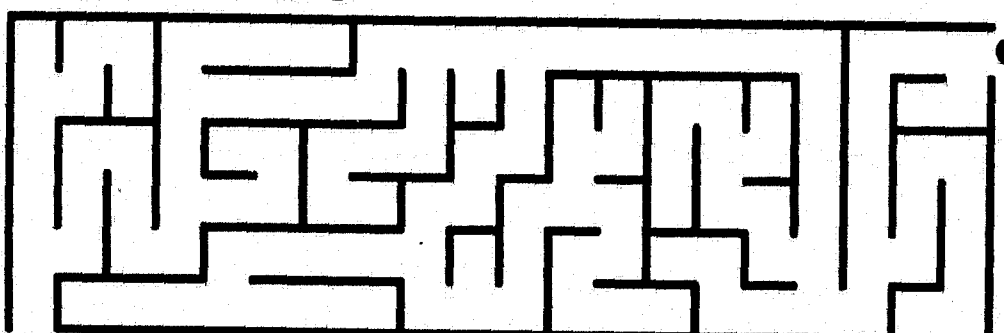
Super Crossword

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

- ACROSS
- 1 Gallery events for buying works
 - 9 Acting in a Broadway show, e.g.
 - 16 "High Voltage" rock band
 - 20 Most calm
 - 21 Exposed to danger
 - 22 Shift course
 - 23 112-Across, #1
 - 25 German river
 - 26 Toothed tongs for tool
 - 27 Punker/lokie DiFranco
 - 28 French for "summer"
 - 29 Trample (on)
 - 30 112-Across, #2
 - 37 Sidekick
 - 39 Olds of old
 - 40 Uplifting poems
 - 41 "Go, toreador!"
 - 42 Ultimatum concluder
 - 44 Inedible orange type
 - 46 Son of Adam
 - 48 Timber tree
 - 51 112-Across, #3
- DOWN
- 55 Ruhr industrial city
 - 56 Pro Bowl org.
 - 57 Former GI
 - 58 Spay, say
 - 59 Bring to court
 - 60 Loralin's lake
 - 63 Paige of the stage
 - 64 112-Across, #4
 - 71 2006-12 Mexican President Calderón
 - 72 Like seams
 - 73 — room (Ping-Pong place)
 - 74 Make right
 - 75 Nothing
 - 77 Skull
 - 78 Milk: Prefix
 - 83 112-Across, #5
 - 89 UV blockage stat
 - 90 All 52 cards
 - 91 Alarm
 - 92 Turn around
 - 93 Lemon
 - 94 Be alarmed by
 - 95 Tippler's hwy. offense
 - 96 — Paulo
 - 97 112-Across, #6
 - 105 Tiny skin openings
 - 106 Place to buy tks.
 - 107 "Total Recall" director
 - 108 "It happens to the best"
 - 111 Be a drifter
 - 112 This puzzle's theme
 - 118 Price to play
 - 119 1970s cop show
 - 120 Mechanic's crowbar
 - 121 Not brush off
 - 122 Nothing-but-net sounds
 - 123 Least lenient
 - 11 Married Mex. woman
 - 12 Bathroom floor
 - 13 Supreme Court justice
 - 14 "— while they're hot!"
 - 15 Joseph who co-founded an ice cream company
 - 16 Indisposed
 - 17 Tabloid topic
 - 18 Prohibit
 - 19 Set of beliefs
 - 24 Espionage org.
 - 29 Fish story
 - 31 Firing crime?
 - 32 Bog plant
 - 33 Kvelch
 - 34 Chisel part
 - 35 Tolls, e.g.
 - 36 Garden Implements
 - 37 With 78-Down, seventh-century pontiff
 - 38 Eros' father
 - 43 Commit
 - 44 Bid
 - 45 Pine- —
 - 46 Log splitter
 - 47 Comic shlick
 - 48 Ludicrous
 - 49 Script unit
 - 50 Present
 - 52 "Move — a Little Higher"
 - 53 Nights of anticipation
 - 54 Verve
 - 59 "Isn't — Lovely"
 - 60 Relative of "speak"
 - 61 Sudoku part
 - 62 Place to stay the night
 - 63 And other things: Abbr.
 - 64 All upset
 - 65 "Half — is better than none"
 - 66 Skating area
 - 67 Velocity increases
 - 68 Kaval, e.g.
 - 69 Obliterate
 - 70 Lizardlike amphibian
 - 71 Web pages for newbies
 - 75 "Siberia" network
 - 76 Really pester
 - 77 Shake up
 - 78 See 37-Down
 - 79 Singer
 - 80 Truce
 - 81 "So long!"
 - 82 Spread in the dairy section
 - 84 Start over on
 - 85 Totally lost
 - 86 Chrysler line of the 1980s
 - 87 Do field work
 - 88 Santa —
 - 93 Viewed to be
 - 94 Blaze features
 - 95 "Shoot!"
 - 97 Winfrey of "Beloved"
 - 98 Not a soul
 - 99 Packing box
 - 100 "Hogwash!"
 - 101 Fetal homes
 - 102 1970s foe of Frazier
 - 103 Chaps
 - 104 "Baywatch" actress
 - 109 Aliens' craft
 - 110 Shipped off
 - 112 About half of a fluid oz.
 - 113 Numerical suffix
 - 114 Noshed
 - 115 Repeated syllables in "Hey Jude"
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 - 117 — de-lance



Kids' Maze

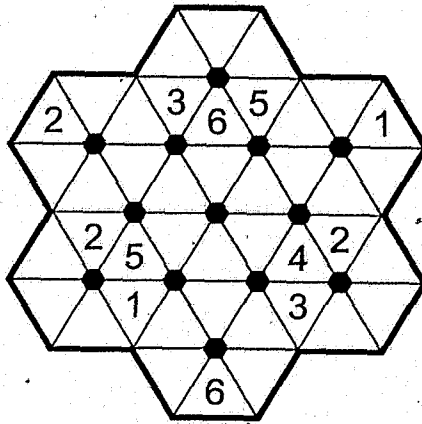


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

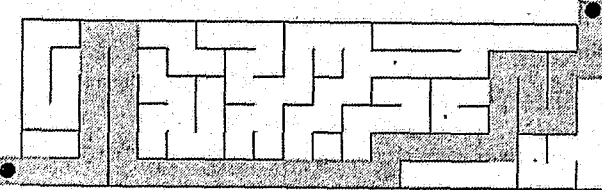
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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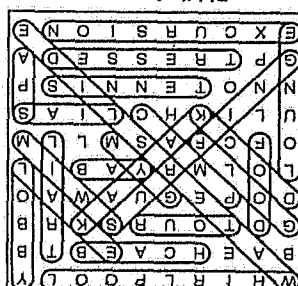
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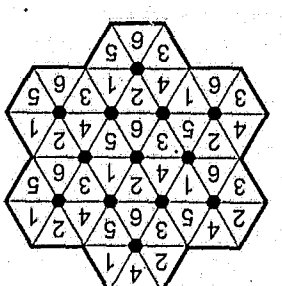


Kids' Maze Solution

Today's Word
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3. Smoke; 4. Relish
1. Creamy; 2. Leader
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Puzzles4Kids



SNOWFLAKES

solution



Super Crossword

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answers:

2016 Chamber of Commerce awards recipients

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Celebration will be held on Friday evening, May 6 at Mt. Abram Ski Area. Reservations can be made through April 29 by calling the chamber at 824-2282 and the cost is \$38 per person. It will be a joyous evening as we honor the following individuals and businesses for their contributions to the community.

The 2016 Business of the Year is being presented to ChoSun and PokSun Lane. Since their opening on Main Street, Bethel more than a decade ago, ChoSun has become a restaurant destination! The high quality of her menu, the freshness of the ingredients and the incredible level of service has earned them high acclaim and an incredible following!

Jane Chandler of Greenwood will receive the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award. Jane has worked for Androscoggin Home Health as a visiting nurse in the Bethel Area for over 30 years, serving this community with her outstanding clinical nursing skills and big heart. She was among the individuals initiating the formation of the Tri Town Ambulance Services close to 35 years ago. She is a member of the Bethel Community Band and the West Parish Congregational Church where she also heads the Smile Fund with a yard sale to raise money for individuals in the community needing dentures and dental work.

Nancy Babcock, cited as an "unsung hero in our communities," will be receiving the prestigious Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship. Nancy is involved in her share of local organizations such as the Bethel Outing Club, and the Food Pantry. She is also a great booster for local sports teams and arts events, but Nancy's involvement goes far beyond supporting community groups. Her true strength is her personal commitment to helping individuals in need solely on her own initiative and without fanfare or acclaim. Nancy does all she does for the community and its people quietly and selflessly without any thought for compensation or accolades.

The 2016 Forest Products Industry Award is going to Brent Angevine. Brent has worked for years as a mechanic, serving the forest products industry all over rural Maine, all the way north to the Canadian border! Despite the rigor of his work travel, he holds leadership positions locally, being the Chair of the Bethel Water District Board of Trustees and the Bingham Forest Authority.

Jim Osgood of Newry will receive the 2016 Maine Guide Award. He has been a registered Maine guide for over 30 years and brought hundreds of people from all over the country to the Bethel Area. Jim's hunts are virtually 100 percent successful, often in the first few days, leaving his customers with time to spend browsing around town eating and shopping. Jim has been devoted to hunting since high school. Jim was actually charged by a moose and sustained severe injuries while on a hunt, but was so devoted to what he does he recovered

and went right back out the next season. Jim's guide service is being recognized as a business that not only contributes to the local economy but enriches it.

Whether it is something as simple as checking the roads in the winter months, or as complicated as making sure the public works and transfer station departments run smoothly and completing projects on time, Scott Sumner is the individual to make sure it all comes together. Everyone in the community knows how giving he is. He will go above and beyond each day, all while maintaining a smile on his face. Despite his sickness a few years ago, Scott does not feel anyone owes him, but instead gives back two-fold to this world. He has dedicated over 20 years to the Town of Bethel and will be presented the 2016 Public Service Award.

The 2016 Nonprofit Leadership Award goes to Judy Sullivan of Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation. Judy has been the volunteer coordinator for Maine Adaptive for almost 20 years. When Judy first started the organization was Maine Handicapped Skiing and had a staff of three with skiing at Sunday River the only sport offered. Today Maine Adaptive has year-round programming with over 400 students and well over 500 volunteers that she manages. Judy is a very quiet leader, and the volunteers, staff and participants look to her as their #1 go to person.

Wade Kavanaugh & Beth Weisberger will be receiving the 2016 Rising Star Entrepreneur Award. They own two businesses, The Gem and Gneiss Spice. They have jumped into the small business community head-first, rallying troops from far and wide in a Kickstarter campaign to raise money to upgrade our theater. All throughout the process they've had the community engagement in mind. They regularly seek input from the public about their programming, put on events that serve the needs of the community, work with nonprofits to fundraise, and have a long-term vision for The Gem to work toward becoming a true hub for the arts. Gneiss Spice is a business that Beth started in her apartment in Brooklyn and brought with her when the couple moved full-time to Albany Twp. Wade and Beth exemplify the young entrepreneur who could live anywhere but choose this area because of the lifestyle it offers them and their children. It is truly exciting to have them and their individual strengths as a part of the fabric of business and community life in the Bethel area.

Dave Scanlan, Mt. Abram's General Manager, is receiving the 2016 Ski Industry Award. Dave wears many hats during ski season, including manager, accountant, snow maker, janitor, bouncer, publicity agent, strategist, lift attendant, coach, event coordinator, and groomer, all the while demonstrating his knowledge, passion and enthusiasm for the sport. Mother Nature's lack of commitment to winter this season couldn't prevent Dave from committing to Mt. Abram

skiers and riders and providing the best possible experience on the slopes. His energy is infectious, making employees proud to be part of the Mt. Abram team and provide the best experience possible for the guests. His vision for the future has not only resulted in new trails, but a new energy and momentum that will allow Mt. Abram to remain a family-skiing favorite for years to come.

The 2016 Service Award is going to Greg Duclos of the Sunday River Brewing Company. After a long career in the hospitality/restaurant industry, Greg was hired to be the General Manager of the Brew Pub in October of 2014 and has led an incredible turn-around! The food is well prepared and efficiently and pleasantly served. The physical plant is clean and well maintained. In raising the bar of quality at SRBC, the owners and Greg have challenged others in the food service sector in our community to raise their own levels of quality and service. Expanded offerings (breakfast, donuts and retail beer packaging), are examples of smart business management identifying and meeting needs of our local and tourist populations. Greg is well respected by the owners, employees and customers alike, for all that he brings to this business!

Robin Bennett of the Sudbury Inn will be presented with the 2016 Hospitality Award. Robin has been working at The Sudbury Inn for 16 years, originally hired in 2000 by Bill and Nancy Wight as a breakfast server and front desk clerk. Robin's work ethic was quickly realized and she became front desk manager. Robin's steady leadership has been shown through three owners and considerable transitional times. Current owner, Ali Smith added, "With all the events in my life over the past few years I simply could not have kept the Inn running without Robin's daily and ongoing excellence." She has always been not just a great ambassador for The Sudbury Inn, but also for Bethel!

The 2016 Education Professional Award is being presented to Deb Webster. With 23+ years experience in public and private schools, Deb was a School Board member from 2010 to 2014. In 2011, she founded a private middle and she continues to support our region with an educational model that not only encourages students in academics but supports their growth in all areas of life including a special focus on community service learning and outdoor stewardship. As The Eddy School attains its own non-profit status, Deb is working diligently on tuition-funding that will make the school accessible to students regardless of their family's ability to pay tuition. As a role model for her students, she is certainly helping to usher in the next generation of public service volunteers through mentoring.

Two special recognition awards will be presented this year! The first will go to the Bethel Outing Club. For nearly 40 years, they have sponsored a free after-school ski program for 2nd thru 5th grad-

ers. Started by a group of caring citizens and supported by the school and equipment grants, the program is designed for kids of all abilities and has a large focus on getting kids on Nordic skis that might not otherwise get a chance to ski. The club holds an annual ski sale in October, and the funds raised go to an "athlete support fund" for both summer and winter training. The club also organizes the Flying Moose Classic, the Molly Ockett Day Road Races, and the Maine State Kids' Triathlon. They have 66 members, including 58 family memberships. They are constantly striving to create fun, family-oriented outdoor outings in every season! Their incredible group of dedicated members did an amazing job of bringing the community together in bringing the U16 Championships to Bethel this past winter.

The second Special Recognition Award will be presented to Kristen O'Connor, from Western Maine Budo Arts. "Kristen is selflessly devoted to the youth of our community, showing them confidence, self-awareness and self-respect. Through her teachings they not only learn the importance of being healthy and taking good care of themselves but also to take care of each other and the world we live in. She cares for every child and gives her time well beyond the hour they spend in class twice weekly. Staying late, showing up early and even coming in on days when there is no scheduled class to help a kid in areas where they need extra focus. Not just in her teachings but as a living example the kids learn through Kristen to be humble, responsible, focused, confident, strong, kind, hard-working, fun, and silly. Kristen is doing her part to make a better future by being dedicated to our local youth."

The Chamber will be presenting two Student Citizenship Awards to Austin Bear, son of Andrew and Becky Bear of Hanover and Blair Stevens, daughter of Scott and Amy Stevens of Bethel. Both students were nominated by the administration of Telstar HS for their incredible community service records, both in school and in their communities. Additionally, the SkiESta Scholarships will be presented at this event and will be announced in an upcoming edition of the Bethel Citizen.

The Chamber would like to extend our appreciation to Presenting Sponsor Franklin Savings Bank, as well as Oxford Casino, Oxford Networks, Northeast Bank, as well as the caterer, the Good Food Store.

To join us in celebrating, please RSVP by April 29 by contacting the chamber at 824-2282 or info@bethelmaine.com. The event is \$38 per person. The event will be accompanied by a live and silent auction. All community members are more than welcomed to attend this wonderful event!

- The Chamber Award Selection Committee: Laurie Gilbert, Gabe Perkins, Sarah Lane, Michelle Defulio, Mia Purcell & Mike Jodrey

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Coriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Linda Couture, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available). Wednesdays: 5:30-7 p.m. High School Youth Group; Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136 or Juanita Korhonen Keene 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House Church - Bethel House Church meets the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore

from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Eucharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Timothy LeConey. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Communion first Sunday of the month. Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship - Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship-9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies' Bible Study- Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson. Saturday services: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service. 25 Perkins Valley Rd., Bryant Pond 04219. FMI: www.woodstockchurch.com

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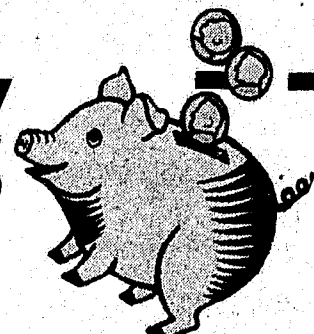
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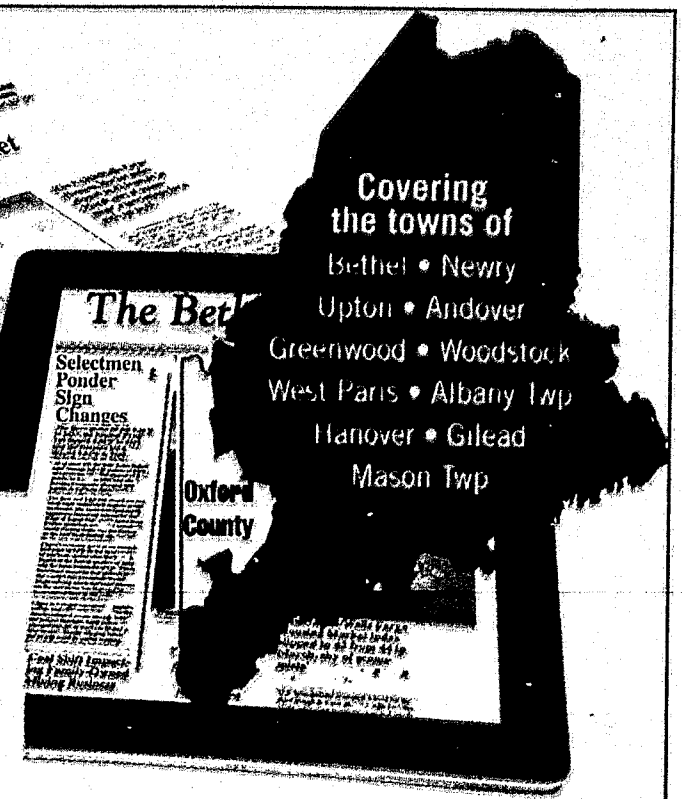
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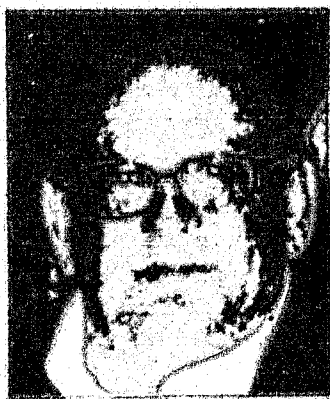
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Obituaries



SAUL L. SCHWIND

Saul L. Schwind, 81, passed away on Friday, April 8, at the Central Maine Medical Center with his family by his side. He resided in Rumford.

Saul was born in Rumford on Jan. 23, 1935, the son of Philip and Katherine (Arsenault) Schwind. He attended schools in Rumford and graduated from Gould Academy in 1953 and the University of Maine in 1958. Saul, along with his father, owned and operated Isrealson Motor Co. in Rumford for more than 28 years.

On April 18, 1964, he married Johan West. He enjoyed summers at Roxbury Pond, the New York Giants and the Boston Red Sox. He also enjoyed playing cribbage and PI Casino.

Saul was a life member of the Rumford Lodge of Elks No. 862 and the Masonic Lodge of Bethel No. 0300.

Saul is survived by his wife, Johan of Rumford; children, Philip of Concord, Rebecca and her husband, Brian Dunton, of Fayette; grandchildren, Daniel Schwind of Portland, Jacob Dunton of Livermore and Monika Dunton of Greenville, N.C.; sisters, Nancy

Schwind of New York and Sylvia Harrington of Bethel; a nephew, Mark Harrington of Bethel; and a special cousin, Claire Marx of Windham.

He was predeceased by his parents; and a son, Stephen.

The family would like to thank the staff of Central Maine Medical Center Intensive Care Unit for their kindness and caring given to Saul and his family.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online register book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

LINDA C. EVANS

Linda C. Evans, 66, of Greenwood passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 9, at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Linda was born in Rumford on Sept. 16, 1949, the daughter of Carroll and Ernestine (Bean) Sibley.

She attended local schools and graduated from Oxford Hills High School in 1967.

For most of her life, Linda was a homemaker. She later worked for many years at Bridgton Knitting Mill and most recently worked at McDonald's in South Paris.

She leaves behind three sons, Merle of Greenwood, Kris of Greenwood, and Josh of South Paris; two daughters, April Evans of Norway, and Jennifer Williams and her husband, Lucas, of Wahiwa, Hawaii; and eight grandchildren, Madison, Megan, Morgan, Emma, Benjamin, Sebastian, Lucas and Kobe.

Condolences can be expressed at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Births

LUMBARD

Amanda Lynn Thurston and Donald James Lumbard of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Jordani Matthew Lumbard, born on April 7, 2016 at 11:45 at Stephens Memorial Hospital,

weighing 7 pounds 10.8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jackie and Danny Thurston of Bethel. Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Alice Lumbard of Bradford, Mass.

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Sports

High School Lacrosse

Gould Academy Boys' Lacrosse lost their first game of the season April 6 to Kents Hill School (14-1), but held their own against White Mountain School (April 8), ending with a tie (5-5). The Girls' Lacrosse Team also lost their first game of the season, April 11, against Holderness (14-3). Girls' Coach Whittington said, "The game was a good opportunity to work on defensive and transitional play, and to give new players some experience." Girls' Lacrosse plays their first league game April 15 against Hyde School (away). Boys' Lacrosse will play against Hyde April 16 (away).

Re-energize apple trees with SWOAM

Re-energizing forgotten and struggling woodland apple trees will be the topic of Western Maine SWOAM's first outdoor meeting of the season at 9 a.m. April 16 at the Gary and Lori Hill farm.

Together with the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District, the local chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine has invited apple enthusiast Joe Dembeck to discuss methods and tools to manage these forgotten trees so they can prosper.

"Even if these trees may be wild or have not been cultivated in years, they can still provide huge benefits to wildlife," said Dembeck, executive director of the Somerset County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The 9 to 11 a.m. workshop is free and open to the public. The farm is located on 162 Sawin Hill Road in Waterford off Route 118, about 12 miles from Norway. SWOAM signs will be posted. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Rich Merk at 415-1628 or e-mail mgh@fairpoint.net.

County Democrats Kickoff April 27

The Oxford County Democrats will hold a 2016 Campaign Kickoff on Wednesday, April 27, at the First Congregational Church in South Paris. The event will begin with a social time at 5 p.m., and will feature a dinner at 5:30, followed by a program. The program, featuring remarks by Bangor Daily News blogger Mike Tipping of the Maine People's Alliance, as well as by former State Senator Emily Cain of Orono, candidate for the Second Congressional District. Candidates for the legislature and county offices in Oxford County will be in attendance.

The menu will include chicken and fixings, plus a vegetarian quiche option, plus dessert. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person, \$8 for students and seniors, and may be reserved by calling 875-2116, or e-mailing info@oxforddems.org.

For updates on the Oxford County Democrats visit <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems> or www.oxforddems.org.

SeniorsPlus in area

SeniorsPlus will be at the Norway Town Office April 20 from 2-4 p.m. and Fryeburg Library April 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. All events are free and open to the public. For further information and to make an appointment, call SeniorsPlus at 1-800-427-1241. SeniorsPlus is a private non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to enrich the lives of seniors and adults with disabilities. SeniorsPlus believes in supporting the independence, dignity and quality of life of those we serve. It serves as the local Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties, and provides a network of support, information, services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. For more information, visit <http://www.seniorsplus.org/> or call 207-795-4010 or 1-800-427-1241.

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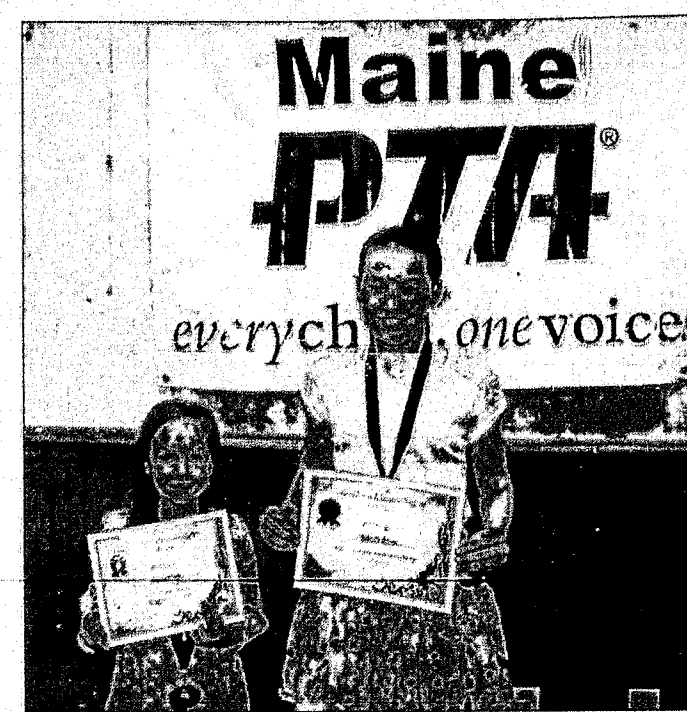
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WES students honored for artwork



WES students Brenna Wilson, Kindergarten and Gabrielle Groves, Grade 5. Submitted photo

On Saturday, April 2, Maine PTA hosted an awards ceremony at Auburn Public Library to honor students for their imagination, creativity and interpretation of the theme "Let Your Imagination Fly" in the 2015-16 National PTA Reflections program. Over 40 persons joined together to celebrate student art and imagination.

Fifteen students were honored for achievement in the 2015-16 State PTA Reflections arts in education program. Brenna Wilson's artwork, titled "Cook's Imagination" has been recognized with a First Place in the Visual Arts category Primary Division. Gabrielle Groves's choreography and dance, titled "Rise" has been recognized with a First Place in the Dance Category for the Intermediate Division. The awards honors imagination, creativity and interpretation of the theme "Let Your Imagination Fly".

Julie Frum, Maine PTA Reflections Chair, shared that the program has grown from one local school participating in one category (Visual Arts) in 2011-12 to six school districts participating in four categories (Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, and Dance Choreography) and all age divisions (K through 12).

The National PTA Reflections program encourages students of all ages and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts in an educational way. Through the program, National PTA, Maine PTA and PTAs across the state urge students in preschool through grade 12 to create and submit original works of art in the medium of their choice—dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts—reflecting on a specific theme. Students are recognized each year for their artistic ingenuity to bring the theme to life in a way that is personal and meaningful.

For more information about the program, visit the website PTA.org/Reflections or like the Maine State PTA page on Facebook.

Improv Night at Norway Library

On Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m. Norway Memorial Library will host the Teacher's Lounge Mafia, an improv comedy troupe, for an evening of laughter. Performing in the style of "Who's Line is it Anyway?"

The Teacher's Lounge Mafia have been bringing hilarity to western Maine and beyond since 2008. "Built from audience-provided suggestions, Teachers Lounge Mafia delivers improvisational games and sketches designed to yank people right out of mud season and on to higher ground."

The group consists of Natalie Simmons, Kyla Wheeler, Jeff Bailey, Phillip Hobby and Dan Ryder. Inspired by Upright Citizens Brigade, Saturday Night Live, The State, Kids in the Hall and the works of Noel Paul Stookey and Ted Turner, Teachers Lounge Mafia strives to bring something different to the foothills of western Maine and still be allowed to live here.

Free tickets will be required to attend this event, available at the library beginning Monday, April 18, 2016. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. For more information contact the information desk at 743-5309 ext. 1 or norlib@norway.lib.me.us

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The regular monthly meeting will take place after the annual meeting.